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This Youth-School-Community Resource Guide is a reference manual of state and national programs for Texas youth, their schools, and their families. The agencies and organizations contained in this guide are divided into the following sections: (1) education programs; (2) service agencies; (3) university system services; (4) state agency services; (5) out-of-state/national agencies; and (6) hotlines. For each agency or organization there are: a program description stating the agency's purpose or goals; basic information about the services provided; a list of services provided; and the address and telephone number where additional information is available. In cases where the age range or eligibility requirements are specific, they have been stated. (LLL)

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HOW TO USE THIS BOOK

This **Youth-School-Community Resources Guide** is a reference manual of state and national programs for Texas children and youth, their schools, and their families. For your convenience the agencies and organizations have been divided into the following sections: Education Programs, Service Agencies, University System Services, State Agency Services, Out-of-State/National Agencies, and Hotlines.

The following information is provided about each agency/organization: a program description stating the agency's purpose or goals and basic information about the services provided, a listing of services provided, and the address and telephone number where additional information is available. In cases where the age range or eligibility requirements are specific, they have been stated.

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Further information and literature can be obtained by telephoning or writing the individual organizations listed here. All of the groups named are statewide, while the model programs serve only the district named.

ALTERNATIVE EDUCATION CENTER

Program Description: Students come from within the school district and stay for a minimum of 30 days. They are allowed to return to the conventional school after reaching the last of four levels. They are placed on probation after returning to school. Stress is placed on behavior modification and counseling. There is a counseling program for the student and family every Wednesday from 7-8:30.

Services Provided:
1) Education
2) Referral to service agencies
3) Counseling (student and family)
4) Follow-up

Contact: Mannette Schaller
Alief ISD
P.O. Box 68
Alief, TX 77411
713/498-8110 Ext. 2340

SCHOOL/COMMUNITY GUIDANCE PROGRAM

Program Description: This center works with F. R. Rice secondary school to assist at-risk students, increase academic performance, decrease disruptive behavior, and establish contacts with the juvenile justice system.

Services Provided:
1) Referral to service agencies
2) Home visits
3) Counseling (student)
4) Discipline
5) Tutoring
6) Monitoring grades
7) Encouraging attendance
8) On-going community work

Contact: F. R. Rice
Counselors: Linda Pruitt, Anna Gorena, Patty Whiting, Mary Pik
Austin ISD
900 Neal St.
Austin, TX 78702
512/477-1183
512/477-1184

EL PASO COUNTY SCHOOL COMMUNITY GUIDANCE CENTER

Program Description: Goal is to reduce contact of youth with the criminal justice system and to assist youth for return to public schools. Youth must be 7th grade through 12th grade and have been adjudicated or suspended. The Center must have total cooperation of the youth and family. All youth are assigned schedules of classes Monday through Friday for specific hours. The Center is coordinated by Region XIX Education Service Center.

Services Provided:
1) Counseling-Parenting sessions
2) Saturday Seminars—given by local attorneys and related professionals
3) Education

Contact: Mr. Rudy Hernandez, Principal
El Paso County School Community Guidance Center
8441 Valdespino
El Paso, TX 79907
915/858-2931

SCHOOL-COMMUNITY GUIDANCE CENTER

Program Description: Short term (20 days) placement for middle school and long term (one semester or one full year depending on offense and progress student has made) placement for high school students. The age group served is 7th grade through graduation, and the center is off campus. The regular classroom teacher provides the classwork. The Center maintains a regular classroom focus but has a supplemental curriculum which teaches responsibility for behavior.

Services Provided:
1) Counseling
2) Referral to service agencies
3) Follow-up

Contact: Maurice Walker, Principal
School-Community Guidance Center
912 S. Ervay
Dallas, TX 75201
214/746-2650

SPECIAL FUNDED PROGRAMS/ SCHOOL-COMMUNITY GUIDANCE CENTER

Program Description: Community counseling guidance center. Complete services for students with special needs in junior and senior highs. Provides a more structured environment with teacher and special counselor. Involves parents and outside service agencies in solving the student's problem. Counseling continues with student and parents after the student returns to the conventional school classroom.

Services Provided:
1) Counseling
2) Education
3) Referral
4) Follow-up

Contact: Carmen Gonzalez, Director
Special Funded Programs
Arnold Benavides, Head Coordinator, Guidance Center
Edinburg CISD
P.O. Drawer 990
Edinburg, TX 78539
512/383-0731 Ext. 239 (administration building)
512/383-7263 (guidance center)

SCHOOL COMMUNITY GUIDANCE CENTER

Program Description: Social worker handles students referred through adult or juvenile probation department, providing some counseling, and seeing material needs are met. The social worker then recommends educational placement, which may be an alternative education site, GED preparation, or placement within the conventional school. The main focus is the successful continuation of the student's education and meeting material needs.

Services Provided:
1) Counseling (student and family)
2) Follow-up (12 weeks minimum is mandatory)
3) Education
4) Materials (clothing, glasses, etc.)
5) Referral to service agencies

Contact: Director of Student Affairs/Court Related Activities
Ft. Worth ISD
3210 W. Lancaster
Ft. Worth, TX 76107
817/878-3802

COMMUNITY GUIDANCE CENTER

Program Description: An off-campus alternative education site which serves the 12-15 age group to attempt to treat problems before they become too serious. Maximum stay is six weeks. Adjudicated students are the priority. Each student's program is periodically reviewed with the parent to determine if progress is being made. Assignments are sent from the regular class teacher.

Services Provided:
1) Counseling (parent and student)
2) Referral to service agencies
3) Follow-up

Contact: Eddie Paredes
Harlandale ISD
102 Genevieve (project manager address)
San Antonio, TX 78285
512/924-2301

3815 Valentine (office address)
Ft. Worth, TX 76107

GUIDANCE CENTER

Program Description: An off-campus guidance center for disruptive or adjudicated students, which attempts to lower crime by keeping students off streets and in class. Maximum capacity is two classrooms (50 students). The school attempts to help the student successfully reenter the home campus.

Services Provided:
1) Counseling (student and family)
2) Information and referral to service agencies
3) Education

Contact: Harlingen CISD
1409 E. Harrison (school district office)
Harlingen, TX 78550
512/430-4400

Roberta Perez, Director
801 W. Filmore (guidance center)
512/423-6362

COMMUNITIES IN SCHOOLS

Program Description: A drop-out prevention program aimed at the high absence, behavioral problem, low achiever, and adjudicated student. Individuals from public service agencies (MHMR, TDHR, etc.) operate on separate campuses and work with the teachers through training programs. The program offers a summer youth employment service in which the corporate sector pays the student's stipend, and the student works for a non-profit organization, one way of paying back the services rendered by the service agencies.

Services Provided:
1) Counseling
2) Tutoring
3) Field trips
4) Home visits
5) Referral to service agencies
6) Job placement and career counseling
7) Parent workshops which teach life skills

Contact: Communities in Schools Houston, Inc.
1331 Lamar, Suite 1230
Houston, TX 77010
713/654-1515

ALTERNATIVE EDUCATION PROGRAM (AEP)

Program Description: An extension of the classroom which serves up to 30 junior high and 30 senior high students, this program serves an average of 20-25 students. Students may have been adjudicated or sent from secondary school and may stay 5-20 days. Students are given a hearing when they are sent to the program and have an opportunity to give their side of the story. Students must complete all assignments from home teacher and must attend for the entire time assigned. Follow-up is minimal because the students do not return.

Services Provided:
1) Counseling for parents and students
2) Referral to service agencies

Contact: Lawrence Harville
Program Coordinator
Hurst-Euless-Bedford ISD
1849 Central Dr.
Bedford, TX 76022
817/283-2886

SCHOOL/COMMUNITY GUIDANCE CENTER

Program Description: Consists of three special assignment centers (SAC). They serve students with behavioral problems from junior high through senior high. The average stay is five days, and the focus is on behavior modification. Major achievement is linked to the parent classes that teach parenting skills necessary to prevent their child from becoming a problem.

Services Provided:
1) Information and referral to service agencies
2) Counseling (student and family)
3) Parenting course
4) Follow-up

Contact: Mary Casper, Director
School Community Guidance Center
Judson ISD
P.O. Box 249
Converse, TX 78109
512/658-6251

NAVARRO ACHIEVEMENT CENTER

Program Description: Referrals are students from the middle and high schools with discipline and attendance problems. Main stress is on helping adjudicated students. School has its own campus with a separate vocational unit. Diagnostic center provides psychological testing. Minimum stay of one semester, but most stay for a year. Grades 7-12.

Services Provided:
1) Counseling for student only
2) Job placement
3) Referral to service agencies
4) Education (7th grade through graduation)
5) Parental involvement between school & parent/guardian

Contact: Henry Young, Principal
Milam Achievement Center
San Antonio ISD
623 S. Pecos
San Antonio, TX 78207
512/224-0328

TEXAS ASSOCIATION OF SCHOOL ADMINISTRATORS (TASA)

Program Description: Purpose is to promote the progress of education in the State of Texas. In pursuit of this objective, TASA works to improve instruction in Texas public schools and encourages better administrative practices in local school districts.

Services Provided: 1) Consultation and technical assistance to school administrators

Contact: Executive Director - Ed Manigold
Texas Association of School Administrators
406 E. 11th
Austin, TX 78701
512/477-6361

TEXAS ASSOCIATION OF SCHOOL BOARDS

Program Description: Purpose is to bring about a closer relationship between school boards of the public schools of the state of Texas and their individual members. The Association gives technical assistance to and promotes an exchange of knowledge between school boards. It also studies school district problems and proposed laws affecting school affairs in the state. Other services include a policy division, legal services, technology division, personnel services division, and a governmental relations division.

Services Provided: 1) Information and referral
2) Technical assistance to school boards
3) Advocacy

Contact: Executive Director
Texas Association of School Boards
P.O. Box 400
Austin, TX 78767
512/476-9116

TEXAS ASSOCIATION OF STUDENT COUNCILS

Program Description: Goals are to teach and develop leadership, citizenship, and other skills in young people needed to function effectively in America's democratic society. The Association hosts conventions and conducts workshops to accomplish these goals.

Services Provided: 1) Leadership training
2) Citizenship training

Contact: Executive Director
Texas Association of Student Councils
1833 S. IH 35
Austin, TX 78731
512/443-2100

TEXAS CLASSROOM TEACHERS ASSOCIATION

Program Description: An association for classroom teachers that provides financial services (retirement plan, insurance, etc.), legal services, professional development workshops, publishes a magazine and a newsletter, and represents classroom teachers before the legislature. TCTA is located in the Bremond mansion, a Texas historical site.

Services Provided:
1) Technical assistance (workshops)
2) Publications
3) Education and information
4) Advocacy
5) Employment benefits

Contact: Public Information
Texas Classroom Teachers Association
P.O. Box 1489
Austin, TX 78767
512/477-9415

TEXAS CONGRESS OF PARENTS AND TEACHERS (PTA)

Program Description: Dedicated to promoting the welfare of children and youth in home, school, church, and community; and developing united efforts between educators, parents, and the general public so that children will have the highest advantages in physical, mental, social, and spiritual education.

Services Provided:
1) Information
2) Leadership training
3) Parent education
4) Funding of projects
5) Volunteer programs
6) Advocacy

Contact: Executive Director
Texas Congress of Parents and Teachers
408 W. 11th St.
Austin, TX 78701
512/476-6769

TEXAS ELEMENTARY PRINCIPALS AND SUPERVISORS ASSOCIATION

Program Description: Works to improve elementary school education by conducting special studies, professional growth activities, and promoting the welfare of elementary school personnel. Other services include advocacy and research.

Services Provided:
1) Professional education
2) Advocacy
3) Research

Contact: Executive Director
501 E. 10th St.
Austin, TX 78701
512/478-5268
1-800-252-3621

TEXAS STATE TEACHERS ASSOCIATION (TSTA)

Program Description: The purpose of TSTA shall be to promote the progress of education of the State of Texas and to obtain for its members the benefits of a united teaching profession.

Services Provided:
1) Information and referral
2) Public relations
3) Training (technical seminar)
4) Education (all levels)
5) Research
6) Publications
7) Legal representation of members
8) Lobbying (Congress, Legislature, State Board of Ed.)

Contact: Executive Secretary
Texas State Teachers Association
316 W. 12th St.
Austin, TX 78701
512/476-5355

SERVICE AGENCIES

This section contains organizations that offer a variety of services to children and families throughout the state. These organizations include charitable, religious, health, or professional groups.

While the services listed for each organization cover the range of services offered, not all chapters and local agencies will offer all of these services. Similarly, every client may not be eligible for every available service.

Some of the organizations listed here only serve a specific geographic area, but their program serves an area sufficiently large to be included in the directory. Also, some are affiliated with national organizations and may have local chapters in Texas.

ADVOCACY, INC.

Program Description: A statewide legal advocacy system that is a nonprofit corporation designed to protect the legal rights of the developmentally disabled of all ages. Independent from the service delivery system, it provides information about legal rights of people with disabilities, individual case management, and legal representation in administrative hearings or litigation.

Services Provided:
1) Information and referral
2) Technical assistance

Contact: Advocacy, Inc.
James Comstock-Galagan, Director
7800 Shoal Creek Blvd. Suite 171E
Austin, TX 78752
1-800/252-9108 - for special education only 1-800/223-4206 - for all other calls
512/454-4816

AMERICAN CANCER SOCIETY

Program Description: Conducts seminars and workshops for physicians, nurses, and other health workers; invests in research; and alerts the public to the threat of cancer through pamphlets, films, broadcasts, and speakers. Local chapters provide rehabilitation services, transportation, and hospital equipment for loan.

Services Provided:
1) Information and referral
2) Patient, public, and professional education
3) Transportation
4) Research
5) Hospital equipment

Contact: Jeanne Startzel, Community Services Director
American Cancer Society
2433 Ridgepoint Dr.
P.O. Box 49000
Austin, TX 78765
512/928-1144

AMERICAN DIABETES ASSOCIATION

Program Description: The Texas affiliates of the American Diabetes Association provide many programs designed for diabetic children and their families. There are parent-and-youth groups, young adult discussion groups, and group activities organized by age, geography, or special interest. These activities often take place in a relaxed atmosphere of social activity, where the mutual support of many people who share the same problems is a key factor in the success of the program.

Services Provided:
1) Education
2) Research funding
3) Professional symposia

Contact: Administrative Assistant
8140 N. Mopac
Bldg. 1, Suite 135
Austin, TX 78759
512/794-8066

AMERICAN HEART ASSOCIATION

Program Description: Provides blood pressure screening for all age groups. Curriculum guides and resource materials are available to schools.

Services Provided:
1) Information and referral on cardiovascular health
2) CPR training
3) Education materials (films, pamphlets, etc.)

Contact: Communications Director
American Heart Association
P.O. Box 15186
Austin, TX 78761
512/836-7220

AMERICAN LUNG ASSOCIATION OF TEXAS

Program Description: The Association organizes "Don't Start Smoking" activities in the schools. Various resource materials are available, including information on asthma and air pollution. Provides classes in learning to stop smoking.

Services Provided:
1) Information and referral
2) Personal adjustment
3) Seminars and workshops for health workers
4) Research
5) Educational materials (films, pamphlets, etc.)

Contact: Director of Field Services
American Lung Association of Texas
3520 Executive Center Dr., Suite G 100
Austin, TX 78731-1606
512/343-0502
800/252-LUNG

Mailing Address:
P.O. Box 26460
Austin, TX 78755

AMERICAN RED CROSS

Program Description: Focus on service to others, health and safety, intercultural and international relationships, concern for improvement of the environment, and good nutrition and accident prevention.

Services Provided:
1) Emergency services for servicemen and their families
2) Emergency relief to victims of disaster
3) Training in swimming, first aid, nursing and health programs
4) Youth programs in public schools, private schools, colleges, and communities
5) Uniformed volunteer services in hospitals and the community
6) Carrier Alert, emergency contact for the elderly and handicapped who live alone

Contact: State Relations Officer
American Red Cross
2218 Pershing Dr.
Austin, TX 78723
512/928-4271

ASSOCIATION FOR RETARDED CITIZENS-TEXAS (ARC)

Program Description: Works to improve the general welfare of persons with mental retardation. The State organization provides legal, legislative, and public education services. Local associations provide day care and training centers and sponsor social and recreational activities. Parental counseling and education is also available.

Services Provided:
1) Information and referral
2) Counseling
3) Training
4) Day care
5) Advocacy
6) Housing

Contact: Information
Assoc. for Retarded Citizens-Texas, Inc.
833 Houston St.
Austin, TX 78756
512/454-6694

ASSOCIATION OF JUNIOR LEAGUES

Program Description: Texas Junior Leagues provides a variety of advocacy, information, education services, and direct programs and provides volunteers, recreation activities, and creates and initiates new programs. They also educate the public on child care, cultural issues, and the arts.

Services Provided:
1) Information
2) Education
3) Volunteers
4) Recreation

Contact: The Assoc. of Junior Leagues Area V Council
3100 Carlisle, Suite 101
Dallas, TX 75204
214/855-0064

AUSTIN CHILD GUIDANCE CENTER

Program Description: The Center staff is comprised of professionals with training and skills in child assessment and psychotherapy. They work with parents, schools, day-care centers, the juvenile justice system, hospitals, child welfare, and other community agencies and organizations to develop programs that are responsive to the emotional needs of children and their families.

Services Provided:
1) Individual and group therapy
2) Abuse services
3) Community education and training

Contact: Executive Director-Donald J. Zappone, Dr. P. H.
Austin Child Guidance Center
810 West 45th
Austin, TX 78751
512/451-2242

B'NAI B'RITH WOMEN

Program Description: Provides a number of services to children and youth through local projects. Activities include Operation Stork, a prenatal care program; Shoe Shoe Train which collects, refurbishes, and distributes shoes to disadvantaged youngsters; and Dolls for Democracy, a dramatization that emphasizes the dignity, worth, and potential of every human being.

Services Provided:
1) Public education (parenting; elementary-Dolls for Democracy)
2) Materials (shoes)

Contact: Regional Director
B'nai B'rith Women
4660 Beechnut, Suite 246
Houston, TX 77096
713/667-3608

BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA, SOUTH CENTRAL REGION

Program Description: An informal educational program based on an ethical code which focuses on youth citizenship training, character development, and mental and physical fitness. These objectives are carried out through four programs: Cub Scouts, Webelos, Boy Scouts, and Explorers. The Explorer program is coeducational.

Services Provided:
1) Counseling and guidance
2) Citizenship and training
3) Fitness training
4) Career exploration
5) Recreational activities
6) Leadership development
7) Opportunities to develop skills in areas of choice and interest

Contact: Boy Scouts of America, South Central Region
1325 Walnut Hill Lane
Irving, TX 75062-1296
214/580-2478

BOYSVILLE, INC.

Program Description: Purpose is the care and rehabilitation of underprivileged, dependent, or neglected youth. In some cases this means providing a long term home, in others arranging for return to the youth's home. This purpose is carried out through many programs, all designed for maximum spiritual, mental, social, and physical development. Ages 5-15.

Services Provided:
1) Information and referral
2) Counseling and guidance
3) Medical (preventive)
4) Medical (maintenance)
5) Medical (remedial)
6) Material (tools, food, clothes)
7) Personal adjustment
8) Job placement
9) Follow-up

Contact: Director of Children's Services, Lenna Baxter
Boysville, Inc.
P.O. Box 369
Converse, TX 78109
512/659-1901

THE BRIDGE

Program Description: Located in an urban area, The Bridge has accommodations for 24 youth, male or female, ages 10-17. The Bridge is open for admissions on a 24-hour basis. There are seven full-time and seven part-time staff members. Parental permission is required at the time of intake, and the length of stay is 1 to 30 days. Most youth are referred by either the probation department or the welfare department.

Services Provided:
1) Referral
2) Individual, group, and family counseling
3) Emergency medical care
4) Education

Contact: Director
The Bridge
3103 West Ave.
San Antonio, TX 78213
512/340-7933

BRIDGE EMERGENCY YOUTH CENTER

Program Description: Spruce has been in operation since 1981. Located in an urban area, the two-story residential home has accommodations for 16 males (7) or females (9), ages 10-17. Bridge Emergency Youth Center is open for admissions on a 24-hour basis. Parental permission is required within 24 hours, and the length of stay is 1 to 30 days. The majority of children are referred by parents, schools, and the child welfare department. Also directs case management services to pregnant and parenting teens to prevent school drop-outs.

Services Provided:
1) Education
2) Individual, group, and family counseling
3) Medical examinations
4) Referral
5) Non-residential family counseling

Contact: Director
Bridge Emergency Youth Center
115 West Broadway
Ft. Worth, TX 76104
817/877-4663

CALLIER CENTER FOR COMMUNICATION DISORDERS

Program Description: Offers services for persons of all ages with speech, language, and hearing problems. The Center provides five educational programs: training for parents of deaf children, a preschool program for deaf children, a program for language-delayed children, a preschool program for normal children, and psychological services for deaf adults. Research on communication disorders is also conducted.

Services Provided:
1) Information and referral
2) Diagnostic evaluation
3) Counseling and guidance
4) Medical (remedial)
5) Training (technical assistance)
6) Educational programs
7) Research

Contact: Director
Callier Center for Communication Disorders
1966 Inwood Rd.
Dallas, TX 75235
214/905-3000

CASA DE LOS AMIGOS

Program Description: An emergency shelter for teenagers in crisis. Maximum length of stay 30 days. Capacity 20. Ages 10 to 18. Referred by child welfare, Texas Youth Commission, Dallas County Juvenile Department, schools, churches, friends, and relatives.

Services Provided:
1) Education services
2) Individual, group, and family counseling
3) Medical examinations
4) Follow-up counseling and recreational activities
5) Parent education program (for pregnant teenagers)

Contact: Cindy Honey, Director
Casa de Los Amigos
2640 Webb Chapel Extension
Dallas, TX 75220
214/358-4504

CHILD AND FAMILY SERVICE

Program Description: A nationwide organization concerned with the welfare of children and families, the Service conducts programs in family counseling, family life education, family violence diversion network, teenage parenting services, family advocacy, and consumer credit counseling.

Services Provided:
1) Information and referral
2) Counseling and guidance

Contact:
Assistant Director
Child and Family Service
2001 Chicon
Austin, TX 78722
512/478-1648

CORPORATE CHILD DEVELOPMENT FUND FOR TEXAS

Program Description: Nonprofit-private organization that uses public and private monies to fund child care and child development programs concerning children and families in Texas. Provides scholarships to child care workers. The Fund encourages employees to participate in employee child care services and provides training and technical assistance on information systems, referral systems, and school age child care programs to community based organizations. Provides information to agencies that want to offer these services to people recovering from alcoholism and drug abuse.

Services Provided:
1) *Texas Child Care*, a journal
3) Information and referral

Contact:
Corporate Child Development Fund for Texas
4029 Capital of Texas Highway S.
Suite 102
Austin, TX 78704-7920
512/440-8555

CPC MILLWOOD HOSPITAL/ ADOLESCENT CHEMICAL DEPENDENCY SERVICES

Program Description: A 40-bed program serving adolescents between the ages of 12 and 18. They use a five-step model which closely follows the tenets of Alcohol Anonymous and Narcotics Anonymous. Private institution.

Services Provided:
1) Intensive family program
2) Education (Arlington ISD)
3) Psychotherapy
4) Detoxification program
5) 24-hour nursing care
6) Therapeutic activities

Contact: Admissions Office
CPC Millwood Hospital
1011 North Cooper St.
Arlington, TX 76011
817/261-3121

CPC MILLWOOD HOSPITAL/ ADOLESCENT PSYCHIATRIC SERVICES

Program Description: After careful assessment, the hospital's clinical treatment team develop a treatment plan for each individual. A vital part of the Program is a carefully monitored system of granting increased privileges and responsibilities to the adolescent as she or he progresses through the treatment program. The goal is to return the young person to a normal community environment as soon as possible. Serves males and females ages 12 to 18. Private institution.

Services Provided:
1) Psychotherapy
2) Family and group therapy
3) Education (Arlington ISD)
4) Adjunctive therapy
5) Medical care through referral
6) After-care programs

Contact: Admissions Office
CPC Millwood Hospital
1011 North Cooper St.
Arlington, TX 76011
817/261-3121

CPC MILLWOOD HOSPITAL/ CHILDREN'S PSYCHIATRIC SERVICES

Program Description: Provides care for children between ages 5 and 12. This is a twelve-bed unit for children with emotional or behavioral problems.

Services Provided:
1) Inpatient program
2) Intensive family program
3) Education (Arlington ISD)
4) Summer learning enrichment program
5) Group and family therapy

Contact: Admissions Office
CPC Millwood Hospital
1011 North Cooper St.
Arlington, TX 76011
817/261-3121

CYSTIC FIBROSIS FOUNDATION

Program Description: Supports research seeking a cure for cystic fibrosis and a test to detect carriers of the cystic fibrosis gene. Cystic fibrosis chapters provide informal assistance to families of lung-damaged children and make referrals to various local agencies for financial aid. The Foundation funds a nationwide network of centers for care, teaching, and research, four of which are located in Texas (Dallas, Houston, San Antonio, and Austin).

Services Provided:
1) Information and referral
2) Diagnostic evaluation
3) Counseling and guidance
4) Medical (preventive)
5) Medical (maintenance)
6) Medical (remedial)
7) Material (treatment equipment)
8) Follow-up
9) Supports research

Contact: Area Director
Cystic Fibrosis Foundation
7600 Burnet Rd. Suite 325
Austin, TX 78757
512/467-5751

DALLAS SERVICES FOR VISUALLY IMPAIRED CHILDREN, INC.

Program Description: Serves blind and visually impared children and their parents from birth to 5 years. Specific services include an infant stimulation program, a preschool program, orientation and mobility training, occupational and speech therapies, and Braille reading and writing training. The agency also Brailles textbooks for the Texas Education Agency. They support a low vision clinic for children and adults.

Services Provided:
1) Information and referral
2) Diagnostic evaluation
3) Counseling and guidance
4) Personal adjustment
5) Education—preschool and infant
6) Orientation and mobility training
7) Brailling of textbooks
8) Low-vision evaluation
9) Prescription of low-vision devices

Contact: Executive Director
Dallas Services for Visually Impaired Children, Inc.
3802 Cole Ave.
Dallas, TX 75204
214/526-8901

THE DEVEREUX FOUNDATION

Program Description: The Devereux Foundation in Texas operates a psychiatric hospital program with a continuum of care from secure hospital to transitional residential units. They treat children, adolescents, and young adults who have emotional disturbance from severe to mild. They operate a fully accredited rehabilitative program that includes academic and vocational training.

Contact: Admissions Office
The Devereux Foundation
P.O. Box 2666
Victoria, TX 77902
512/575-8271

DRISCOLL FOUNDATION CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL

Program Description: In addition to inpatient care, the Hospital, serving as the Children's Medical Center of South Texas, operates numerous specialty outpatient clinics including Physician Referral Service, 24-hour Emergency Room, Level III Neonate Unit, Pediatric Intensive Care Unit, Adolescent Care, Outpatient Surgery, Child Life Play Program, Pediatric Surgery, Cancer Treatment, Cleft Palate Care Planning, Diabetes Education and Treatment, General Surgery, Magnetic Resonance Imaging, Open Heart Surgery and other Cardiac Services, Orthopedics, Pediatric Anesthesiology, Plastic Surgery, Urology, University Clinics in Kidney Disease, Gastroenterology and Endocrinology. In addition, an outreach children and youth comprehensive health service is provided in Robstown. As an acute care children's hospital, DFCH operates as a not-for-profit teaching hospital serving 26 counties in South Texas.

Services Provided:
1) Diagnostic evaluation
2) Medical care

Contact: Driscoll Foundation Children's Hospital
Attn: Case Management
P.O. Box 6530
Corpus Christi, TX 78466
512/850-5226

EDGE FOR YOUTH

Program Description: Develops employability in youth ages 17-21 through on-the-job training as well as classroom G.E.D. instruction.

Contact: Edge For Youth
2220 Brazos
Houston, TX 77002
713/650-3343

EPILEPSY CENTER OF SOUTH TEXAS

Program Description: Provides comprehensive case management to epileptics in the lower 46 counties of south Texas.

Services Provided:
1) Medical-diagnosis, treatment, and follow-up
2) Counseling and guidance
3) Social service
4) School and public education

Contact: Social Worker
Epilepsy Center of South Texas
519 W. Houston St.
San Antonio, TX 78285
512/228-2464

FAMILY CONNECTION

Program Description: Residential emergency shelter for runaway or homeless boys and girls ages 13-17. Sliding fee scale $0–$10.

Services Provided:
1) Individual, group, family counseling
2) Shelter
3) Referral services
4) 24-hour hotline
5) Education program for those not in public schools

Contact: Family Connection
2001 Huldy
Houston, TX 77019
713/527-8218
713/527-8218 24-hour hotline

FOSTER GRANDPARENTS

Program Description: The purpose of the foster grandparents program is twofold. One is to allow elderly, low-income persons to volunteer, involving them in community activity by engaging their time and talents. The other is to provide attention, care, and love to lonely, abandoned, neglected, ill, injured, or mentally retarded children. The elderly volunteers come and care for the children on a one-to-one basis for half a day, five days a week. Age group: 0-18.

Services Provided:
1) Individual attention to children
2) Informal teaching of knowledge skills

Contact: Program Director
Alice Bowder
P.O. Box 1269
Austin, TX 78767
512/454-4731 Ext. 6098

HEAD START

Program Description: The Head Start program is a demonstration project. Its purpose is to give educational and environmental enrichment to economically disadvantaged preschool children. These programs use specialized techniques and equipment to develop the full range of each child's ability, focusing on the cognitive, motor, perceptual, and social skills. All Head Start programs provide medical and dental care, meals or snacks to the children, and require parental involvement. Age group: 3-6.

Services Provided:
1) Diagnostic evaluation
2) Medical (preventive)
3) Medical (maintenance)
4) Material (tools, food)

Contact: Director
Head Start Division
Office of Human Development Services
Administration for Children, Youth, and Families
1200 Main Tower, Rm. 1040
Dallas, TX 75202
214/767-2981

HEALTHCARE INTERNATIONAL INC./THE BROWN SCHOOLS

Program Description: Provide psychiatric hospitalization and psychiatric residential treatment with coordinated services in the following areas: psychiatry; psychology; neuropsychology; nursing; social work; education; pre-vocational and vocational training; speech/language pathology; physical, occupational, recreational, and activity therapies. Three treatment centers and four community based programs are currently in operation.

Services Provided:
1) Diagnostic evaluation
2) Individual, group, and family psychotherapies
3) Chemotherapy
4) Medical (remedial and maintenance)
5) Personal adjustment
6) Cognitive retraining
7) Speech/language therapy
8) Education (high school and deaf)
9) Psychiatric hospitalization/residential treatment

Contact: Information & Referral Services
Street address:
9737 Great Hills Trail
Austin, TX 78759
Mailing address:
P.O. Box 4008
Austin, TX 78765
512/346-4300
Toll-free number: 1-800-531-5305

HOPE COTTAGE, INC.

Program Description: Girls' Foundation offers professional counseling and group home living. The Foundation is a treatment-oriented group home that provides adolescent girls experiencing problems with their families, school, or society a therapeutic atmosphere in which to sort through the difficulties.

Services Provided:
1) Intensive staff-girl contacts
2) Group recreational activities
3) Work details

Contact: Hope Cottage, Inc.
4209 McKinney Avenue
Dallas, TX 75205
214/526-8721

LA LECHE LEAGUE

Program Description: Encourages good mothering through breastfeeding. It offers classes, films and literature on breastfeeding, childbirth, and family life. Telephone counseling giving information, encouragement, and nonmedical advice on breastfeeding, child care, and family life. Available 24 hours a day.

Services Provided:
1) Information and referral
2) Counseling and guidance
3) Education materials (films, literature, exhibits)
4) Support groups
5) International conferences

Contact: La Leche League
9616 Minneapolis Ave.
P.O. Box 1209
Franklin Park, IL 60131-8209
708/455-7730

LEE AND BEULAH MOOR CHILDREN'S HOME

Program Description: A children's home for males and females, ages infancy through seventeen. The home sits on thirteen acres in El Paso and serves people in the El Paso area. It is licensed by the Texas Department of Human Resources and is open for emergency admissions 24 hours a day. The home also includes eight residential group homes and a number of licensed family foster homes. Primary focus is to provide a rural setting for those who never lived in an urban area or need to get away from it. Activities: 4-H, vocational education, junior achievement program.

Services Provided:
1) Residential group care
2) Foster family home care
3) Family counseling on problems with children
4) Licensed adoption agency
5) Counseling for unmarried mothers and fathers
6) Emphasizes strengthening the family
7) Emphasizes educational enrichment
8) Information and referral
9) Residential intervention center
10) Emergency shelter

Contact: Lee and Beulah Moor Children's Home
1100 Cliff Drive
El Paso, TX 79902
915/544-8777

LEUKEMIA SOCIETY OF AMERICA

Program Description: Provides financial assistance to patients with leukemia, the lymphomas, multiple myeloma, and Hodgkin's disease on an out-patient basis. Local chapters alert the public to the nature of leukemia and its symptoms, advise the professional community of medical advances, and provide services in referral and counseling.

Services Provided:
1) Informaton and referral
2) Financial assistance
3) Public information
4) Professional education
5) Support research

Contact: Assistant Director
Leukemia Society of America
8705 Katy Freeway, Suite 405
Houston, TX 77024
713/973-2222

LITTLE LEAGUE

Program Description: The purpose of Little League is to assist youth in developing qualities of citizenship, discipline, teamwork, and physical well-being, with proper guidance and exemplary leadership. It sponsors teams in baseball and softball, children ranging from ages 6 through eighteen. Provides state tournaments and six weeks of summer camps.

Services Provided:
1) Incorporation
2) Charter
3) Publications and rules
4) Professional education
5) Support research

Contact: Texas Field Office
Little League Headquarters
1612 S. University-Parks Drive
Waco, TX 76706
817/756-1816

MARCH OF DIMES BIRTH DEFECTS FOUNDATION

Program Description: Directs its efforts to the prevention of birth defects. In Texas, the foundation provides funds for research, medical service programs, and education. Local chapters conduct seminars and provide educational materials to professional and public groups. Referral of clients to genetic counseling and for diagnostic evaluation is also a service.

Services Provided:
1) Information and referral
2) Medical (preventive)
3) Medical (remedial)
4) Training (technical seminar)
5) Patient, public, and professional education
6) Materials-publications, films, and exhibits
7) Research

Contact: Public Health Education Director
March of Dimes Birth Defects Foundation
1801 Royal Lane, Suite 500
Dallas, TX 75229
214/869-0595

MARY LEE FOUNDATION

Program Description: Provides residential treatment for children who have emotional problems or are mentally disturbed. Comprehensive health care services are offered.

Services Provided:
1) Information and referral
2) Diagnostic evaluation
3) Counseling and guidance
4) Medical
5) Personal adjustment
6) Training (technical seminar)
7) Materials (tools, food, clothing)
8) Education (high school)
9) Job placement
10) Transportation
11) Emergency
12) Follow-up

Contact: Director
Mary Lee Foundation
P.O. Box 3174
Austin, TX 78764
512/443-5777

MENTAL HEALTH ASSOCIATION IN TEXAS

Program Description: MHAT is a private, nonprofit citizens' advocacy organization that promotes mental health and works for the prevention and cure of mental illnesses and the improved care and treatment of people with mental illness.

Services Provided:
1) Information and referral
2) Systems-level advocacy for adults, adolescents, and children with mental illnesses and emotional disturbances
3) Public information and education
4) Program development
5) Self-help clearinghouse

Contact: Executive Director
Mental Health Association in Texas
8401 Shoal Creek Blvd.
Austin, TX 78758-7544
512/454-3706

MILLER SPEECH AND HEARING CLINIC

Program Description: Offers services in identification, evaluation, and management for children, youth, and adults with speech, language, and/or hearing disorders. Provides services for bilingual individuals.

Services Provided:
1) Information and referral
2) Diagnostic evaluation
3) Therapy
4) Audiological services

Contact: Miller Speech and Hearing Clinic
Texas Christian University
Cantey and Stadium Dr.
P.O. Box 30793
Ft. Worth, TX 76129
817/921-7620

MUSCULAR DYSTROPHY ASSOCIATION

Program Description: Works to help patients meet the problems which chronic disease imposes upon them and their families. The Association also conducts research into muscular dystrophy and neuro-muscular diseases, and promotes public education.

Services Provided:
1) Information and referral
2) Diagnostic evaluation
3) Counseling and guidance
4) Medical
5) Personal adjustment
6) Transportation
7) Follow-up
8) Orthopedic equipment
9) Public education

Contact: Patient Service Coordinator
Muscular Dystrophy Association
8111 LBJ Freeway, Suite 1095
Dallas, TX 75251
214/480-0011

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF SOCIAL WORKERS, INC.

Program Description: The Texas chapter gives continuing education to social workers who work in agencies providing services to children, youth, and the elderly. The Association has legislative advocacy activities and carries on public educational programs.

Services Provided:
1) Information and referral
2) Public and professional education
3) Advocacy

Contact: Executive Director
National Association of Social Workers, Inc.
810 W. 11th St.
Austin, TX 78701
512/474-1454

NATIONAL MIGRANT RESOURCE PROGRAM

Program Description: A medical migrant referral project designed to facilitate the continuity of health care for migrant and seasonal farmworkers and their dependents. As a migrant patient travels from his home to an in-stream work station, and vice-versa, the migrant health provider transfers medical information or "refers" the patient to another health provider for continued health care. Families must meet the H.E.W. definition of "Interstate Migrant."

Services Provided:
1) Information and referral
2) Emergency
3) Follow-up

Contact: Project Director
Migrant Referral Project
2512 S. IH 35, Suite 220
Austin, TX 78704
512/447-0770

PARENTS ANONYMOUS

Program Description: A self-help organization for parents who feel they have lost the ability to cope with their children. The organization works to prevent the development of damaging relationships between parents and children by helping change or redirect destructive parental thoughts and actions. On-going crisis intervention and group support is provided.

Services Provided:
1) Information and referral
2) Counseling and guidance
3) Emergency
4) Public education

Contact: Administrative Assistant
Parents Anonymous
1112 W. Ben White, Suite 325
Austin, TX 78704
Texas Parent Heartland
512/440-8666
800/554-2323 - 24 hrs./confidential

PARENT ASSOCIATION FOR THE RETARDED OF TEXAS (PART)

Program Description: An organization of parents interested in preserving and upgrading the state school system. Members are actively involved in legislative and educational advocacy activities.

Services Provided:
1) Information and referral
2) Public education
3) Advocacy

Contact: Fred or Ruth Snyder
Parent Association for the Retarded of Texas
8301 Franewood
Austin, TX 78758
512/453-7145

PARENTS WITHOUT PARTNERS, INC.

Program Description: Provides programs to assist in solving the problems of the single parent. Family activities allow members' children to interact with other children from similar home situations and with adults who often provide surrogate father or mother relationships.

Services Provided:
1) Information and referral
2) Financial assistance
3) Social/recreational activities

Contact: Parents Without Partners
P.O. Box 4236
Austin, TX 78765
512/459-5573

PLANNED PARENTHOOD FEDERATION OF AMERICA

Program Description: Has 13 affiliates in Texas. Most affiliates supply birth control services, pregnancy testing, and counseling for teens and adults. Many affiliates provide educational services about human sexuality, family planning, and related topics to the public through lending-library facilities and speakers' bureaus.

Services Provided:
1) Medical (contraceptive services)
2) Community education
3) Information

Contact: Executive Director
Planned Parenthood of Austin
1209 Rosewood Ave.
Austin, TX 78702
512/472-0868

PROJECT OPTION

Program Description: Project Option has been in operation for 19 years. Located in an emergency shelter with accommodations for a total of 13 males and females, ages 7-17. The house is open for intake 24 hours a day and length of stay is 1 to 14 days, with a 30 day variance. The majority of referrals come from police and probation departments. The Department of Human Services and Child Protective Services supply other referrals.

Services Provided:
1) Individual, group, and family counseling
2) Emergency medical care
3) Follow-up counseling services

Contact: Director
Project Option
P.O. Box 185
703 Parmer
Killeen, TX 76540
817/634-2085/2086

PROJECT TRY

Program Description: Project TRY has been in operation 11 years. The shelter can accommodate 14 males and females, ages 10-17. Admissions are open on a 24-hour basis. Legal and family outreach services are available. The majority of the children are referred by family, the probation department, and schools.

Services Provided: (on a referral basis)
1) Referral for medical care
2) Follow-up counseling
3) Individual, group, and family counseling
4) Parent education
5) Alcohol and drug abuse counseling

Contact: Director
Catholic Family Service
Project TRY
1422 S. Tyler
Amarillo, TX 79105
806/376-4571

Shelter
1522 Van Buren
806/376-7731

SHRINER BURNS INSTITUTE

Program Description: The Shriner Burns Institute has four major objectives: 1) to save children's lives and reduce the crippling effects of severe burns, 2) to advance the medical care and treatment of violent children's burns through research, 3) to instruct medical personnel in the care and treatment of burned children, and 4) to develop a program for the prevention of burns. All referrals must be sponsored by a Shriner.

Services Provided: (for Shriner patients only)
1) Information and referral
2) Diagnostic evaluation
3) Counseling and guidance
4) Medical
5) Personal adjustment
6) Research
7) Public and professional treatment
8) Reconstructive surgery

Contact: Information
Shriner Burns Institute
610 Texas Ave.
Galveston, TX 77550
409/761-2516

SHRINER HOSPITAL FOR CRIPPLED CHILDREN

Program Description: This 40-bed specialty hospital provides orthopedic care and corrective surgery for children and offers a variety of outpatient services. The hospital maintains 17 outpatient clinics, a brace shop, orthotis facilities, and provides occupational and physical therapy and social services. Free care for medically indigent children with orthopedic handicaps, ages birth to 18.

Services Provided:
1) Information and referral
2) Diagnostic evaluation
3) Counseling
4) Medical care
5) Research

Contact: Administrator
Shriner Hospital for Crippled Children
1402 Outer Belt Dr.
Houston, TX 77030
713/797-1616

SICKLE CELL ANEMIA ASSOCIATION OF TEXAS

Program Description: Conducts screening tests, provides counseling to patients and their families, and educates the public on sickle cell disease. The organization also works to establish area treatment centers for sickle cell patients.

Services Provided:
1) Information and referral
2) Diagnostic evaluation
3) Counseling and guidance
4) Personal adjustment
5) Follow-up
6) Public education
7) Medical maintenance
8) Client intervention
9) Case management services

Contact: Program Coordinator
Sickle Cell Anemia Association of Texas
617 7th Ave., Suite 402
Ft. Worth, TX 76104
817/332-5300

SOUTHWEST EDUCATIONAL DEVELOPMENT LABORATORY

Program Description: Serves state departments of education and education related associations. Provides synthesis of educational research, technical assistance workshops, and consultation in areas of parent involvement and teacher-administrative evaluation.

Contact: Director of Communications
Southwest Educational Development Laboratory
211 E. 7th St.
Austin, TX 78701
512/476-6861

TEENAGE PARENT COUNCIL

Program Description: A planning, coordinating, and advocacy organization which informs the community on the many needs of teenage parents and their infants. The Council helps strengthen and develop existing and new health, education, and social services to the teenage parent. Serves Travis County only.

Services Provided:
1) Information and referral
2) Resource directory
3) Stepping Stone Project

Contact: Executive Director
Teenage Parent Council
2800 Webberville Rd.
Austin, TX 78702
512/473-8825

TEXAS ASSOCIATION OF REGIONAL COUNCILS

Program Description: Purpose is to assist member Councils of Government in strengthening the capabilities of their governmental agencies; to provide a forum for exchange of information between councils; and to stimulate, encourage, and sponsor educational efforts designed to improve public understanding of the services rendered by Councils of Government.

Services Provided: 1) Information and referral

Contact: Executive Director
Texas Assoc. of Regional Councils
508 W. 12th St.
Austin, TX 78701
512/478-4715

TEXAS CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL

Program Description: A teaching and research facility associated with the Baylor College of Medicine. It provides inpatient and outpatient care for children needing primary, secondary, and tertiary care.

Services Provided:
1) Information and referral
2) Diagnostic evaluation
3) Counseling and guidance
4) Medical
5) Emergency
6) Follow-up

Contact: Community Affairs Manager
Texas Children's Hospital
6621 Fannin
Houston, TX 77030
713/798-1000

TEXAS CIVIL LIBERTIES UNION

Program Description: The Texas affiliate of the ACLU provides free legal services in defense of the rights enumerated in the U.S. Constitution and the Bill of Rights. It funds a children's rights project in New York which provides assistance to the Texas chapter on behalf of children.

Services Provided:
1) Class-action lawsuits
2) Information and referral

Contact: Executive Director
Texas Civil Liberties Union
1611 E. 1st St.
Austin, TX 78702
512/477-5849

TEXAS COALITION FOR JUVENILE JUSTICE

Program Description: The goals are to: 1) educate the community and alert the media to the issues of juvenile justice and the prevention of delinquency, 2) insure fair policies and procedures governing the treatment of juvenile offenders, 3) involve concerned citizens in the improvement of services to youth, and 4) help coordinate existing youth services and to consolidate community support for these services.

Services Provided:
1) Information and referral
2) Training (technical seminar)
3) Community education
4) Advocacy

Contact: President
Texas Coalition for Juvenile Justice
1001 W. Euless Blvd. #216
Euless, TX 76040
817/267-9932

TEXAS COUNCIL OF COMMUNITY MHMR CENTERS, INC.

Program Description: Purpose is to improve the efficiency of the delivery of humane mental health and mental retardation care in the communities of Texas. The primary focus of the Council is educational. The Council develops curricula, resource materials, workshops and seminars. It also publishes a monthly newsletter and serves as a liaison to other related public and private organizations.

Services Provided:
1) Training (technical seminar)
2) Technical assistance to providers
3) Educational materials
4) Liaison
5) Advocacy

Contact: Executive Director
Texas Council of Community MHMR Centers, Inc.
7700 Chevy Chase Dr., Suite 310
Austin, TX 78752

TEXAS COUNCIL ON FAMILY VIOLENCE

Program Description: Committed to: 1) exchanging ideas and resource information about services to violent families, 2) assisting shelters and "shelters-to-be" in their development and growth, and 3) increasing awareness of the problem in Texas, recognizing the impact on all our lives and enhancing responses to the problem across the state. Shelter programs in Texas communicate and coordinate through this statewide organization.

Services Provided:
1) Advocacy
2) Technical assistance
3) Public education/networking
4) Research/analysis
5) Resource development

Contact: Executive Associate
Texas Council on Family Violence
3415 Greystone Suite 220
Austin, TX 78731
512/794-1133

TEXAS EASTER SEAL SOCIETY

Program Description: Provides health care to physically handicapped adults and children.

Services Provided:
1) Information and referral
2) Financial assistance for medical and transportation costs
3) Hearing help (helps obtain hearing aides)

Contact: Texas Easter Seal Society
Administration Office
800 W. Ave. Building C
Suite 100
Austin, TX 78701
512/474-1272

Rehabilitation Center
919 W. 28$^{1}/_{2}$ St.
Austin, TX 78705
512/478-2581
1-800/492-5555

TEXAS ELKS FOUNDATION FOR HANDICAPPED CHILDREN, INC.

Program Description: Licensed by TDHR as a residential treatment center and a member of the Texas Hospital Assoc. It sponsors an educational and development diagnostic center for children. It is dedicated to the belief that all children, regardless of handicapping condition, are entitled to receive those services which will help them achieve their maximum potential and enable them to lead satisfying, productive lives.

Services Provided:
1) Diagnostic team evaluates the child
2) Up to three-week residential evaluation
3) Parent training
4) Comprehensive written report on child's condition
5) Consultations with schools
6) Follow-up
7) Re-evaluations if necessary
8) Summer camp

Contact: Information
Texas Elks Foundation for Handicapped Children, Inc.
P.O. Box 550
Luling, TX 78648
512/672-7561

TEXAS HOSPITAL ASSOCIATION

Program Description: Acts as a clearinghouse for health career information through the Texas Health Careers Program. Provides services to students, faculty, and community in its mission to develop adequate personnel to meet the health care needs of the future.

Services Provided:
1) Making presentations about career opportunities
2) Lists career descriptions and sources of educational financial aid
3) Placement assistance

Contact: President
Texas Hospital Assoc.
P.O. Box 15587
Austin, TX 78761
512/465-1000
Texas Health Center
1-800/252-9708

TEXAS LIONS CAMP FOR CRIPPLED CHILDREN

Program Description: The camp provides an educational and recreational program for physically handicapped and diabetic children through a modified camping program.

Services Provided:
1) Counseling
2) Medical care
3) Advocacy
4) Recreation
5) Technical assistance

Contact: Executive Director
Texas Lions Camp for Crippled Children
P.O. Box 247
Kerrville, TX 78029-0247
512/896-8500

TEXAS MEDICAL ASSOCIATION

Program Description: The key objective of the Texas Medical Association is to improve the health of Texans through the professional and personal development of its members. The association is composed of more than 29,000 members—physicians and medical students from across the state. This represents more than 80 percent of all physicians licensed and practicing in the state and 96% of all medical students in Texas.

Services Provided:
1) Physician continuing medical education
2) Public education
3) Physician and patient advocacy
4) Monitoring of key health issues

Contact: Public Relations Dept.
Texas Medical Assoc.
1801 N. Lamar Blvd.
Austin, TX 78701
512/477-6704

TEXAS MEDICAL ASSOCIATION AUXILIARY

Program Description: Provides a number of services to children and youth through local projects. Activities include the immunization drives, swimming and bicycle safety programs, training for baby sitters, counseling for delinquent youth, seminars on child abuse and nutrition, and provision for emergency shelter for children. Counseling activities include teenage pregnancy, teenage suicide, chemical dependency, eating disorders, and learning disabilities-dyslexia.

Services Provided:
1) Information and referral
2) Counseling and guidance
3) Medical (preventive)
4) Financial assistance
5) Material (tools, food, clothing)
6) Training (technical seminar)
7) Emergency

Contact: Auxiliary Coordinator
Texas Medical Assoc. Auxiliary
1801 N. Lamar Blvd.
Austin, TX 78701
512/477-6704

TEXAS MIGRANT COUNCIL, INC.

Program Description: Operates the Head Start project which includes early childhood development, nutrition, health, psychological, parent involvement, and career development services. In addition, the Council has a child abuse and neglect prevention project. These programs are unique in that the staff follows the migrant stream, thus providing continuous, year-round services.

Services Provided:
1) Information and referral
2) Diagnostic evaluation
3) Counseling and guidance
4) Medical
5) Financial assistance
6) Materials (tools, food, clothing)
7) Day care
8) Technical assistance to providers
9) Homemaker
10) Transportation
11) Emergency
12) Follow-up
13) Research

Contact: Executive Director
Texas Migrant Council, Inc.
P.O. Box 2579
Laredo, TX 78044
512/722-5174

TEXAS MUNICIPAL LEAGUE

Program Description: Provides technical assistance to cities on the development and delivery of social service programs. Clearinghouse on service programs operated by cities across Texas. 940 cities are voluntary members. Publishes information on various subjects of concern to cities. Organized 1913.

Services Provided:
1) Information and referral
2) Technical assistance to cities

Contact: Executive Director
Texas Municipal League
1020 Southwest Tower
Austin, TX 78701
512/478-6601

TEXAS OPTOMETRIC ASSOCIATION

Program Description: A professional association for doctors of optometry, it promotes preventive optometric care. This includes parental counseling, diagnosis and remediation of vision perception and other vision related school problems. Individual members participate in school vision screening programs, thereby facilitating early detection of vision disorders.

Services Provided:
1) Information and referral
2) Diagnostic evaluation
3) Prevention care

Contact: Stanley Boysen, Executive Director
Texas Optometric Assoc.
1016 La Posada, Suite 174
Austin, TX 78752
512/451-8476

TEXAS PEDIATRIC SOCIETY

Program Description: A professional organization of Texas pediatricians and others in the medical profession interested in child care. The organization has been active in advocating for better immunization laws, accident prevention and poison control programs, insurance for the newborn, health care for children of migrant workers, and teenage pregancy programs.

Services Provided:
1) Professional education
2) Advocacy
3) Research

Contact: Administrative Assistant
Texas Pediatric Society
1801 N. Lamar Blvd.
Austin, TX 78701
512/477-6704

TEXAS SAFETY ASSOCIATION

Program Description: Nonprofit-nongovernment educational association.

Services Provided:
1) Information and referral
2) Educational programs (driver improvement, safety)
3) Educational materials
4) Research
5) Technical assistance
6) Administers the defensive driving course

Contact: Public Affairs Manager
Texas Safety Assoc.
P.O. Box 9345
Austin, TX 78766
512/343-6525

TEXAS SCOTTISH RITE HOSPITAL FOR CRIPPLED CHILDREN

Program Description: Provides reconstructive orthopedic services for children with congenital or acquired physical handicaps. Neurological disorders interfering with the child's ability to learn are also treated. The hospital offers psychological, social, dental, opthalmological, and remedial language learning support services. In addition, the hospital holds special clinics for treatment of childhood arthritis and camps for spina bifida patients. Patients must have a medical referral, and be 14 or younger.

Services Provided:
1) Information and referral
2) Diagnostic evaluation
3) Medical (maintenance)
4) Language learning support
5) Research

Contact: Patient Application Coordinator
Texas Scottish Rite Hospital for Crippled Children
2222 Welborn
Dallas, TX 75219
214/521-3168

TEXAS SOCIETY FOR AUTISTIC CITIZENS

Program Description: Works to benefit all children who are severely handicapped in their ability to communicate and relate. The Society promotes an exchange of knowledge among physicians and other professionals, maintains a clearinghouse for new research and information in the field, provides parent counseling, and assistance in treatment program planning.

Services Provided:
1) Information and referral
2) Counseling and guidance
3) Educational materials
4) Training (technical seminar)
5) Technical assistance to providers
6) Patient, public, and professional education
7) Advocacy
8) Research

Contact: Texas Society for Autistic Citizens
1007 W. 31st St.
Austin, TX 78705
512/467-0799

TEXAS SOCIETY TO PREVENT BLINDNESS

Program Description: Directs its efforts toward the prevention of blindness and vision impairment. The organization has an extensive program of free eye tests for preschool children. The program includes training of volunteers to do vision screenings and provides eye safety and vision education programs for schools.

Services Provided:
1) Information and referral
2) Training (technical seminar)
3) Preschool vision screening
4) Eye safety and vision education programs
5) Glaucoma screening for adults
6) Home testing kits for adults and children for vision

Contact: Program Director
Texas Society to Prevent Blindness
3211 W. Dallas
Houston, TX 77019
713/526-2559

TEXAS YOUTH COMMISSION

Program Description: The Youth Commission administers the diagnostic treatment, training, and supervisory facilities and services for those committed through the juvenile courts.

Services Provided:
1) State training facilities
2) Halfway houses
3) Residential contract programs
4) Services for youth on parole
5) Counseling

Contact: Texas Youth Commission
Central Office
4900 N. Lamar
P.O. Box 4260
Austin, TX 78765
512/483-5000

UNITED CEREBRAL PALSY OF TEXAS

Program Description: Provides education to the public about cerebral palsy and provides technical assistance to professionals working with and treating the cerebral palsied individual.

Services Provided:
1) Information and referral
2) Training (symposiums)
3) Funds research
4) Advocacy
5) Community education

Contact: Administrative Assistant
United Cerebral Palsy of Texas
900 Congress, Suite 220
Austin, TX 78701
512/472-8696

UNITED WAY - CAPITAL AREA

Program Description: United Way's single annual fund-raising campaign concept helps the community meet human care goals. Its 51 affiliated organizations fill a wide range of community needs that have been determined to be of high priority. Contributions to United Way/Capital Area support the work of 51 human care organizations providing services to people in and around the Austin area, including Lee, Bastrop and Fayette counties.

Services Provided:
1) Information and referral
2) Community education and training
3) Fund raising and allocation
4) Coordination with other service funders and providers

Contact: The Executive Director
United Way/Capital Area
P.O. Box 1925
Austin, TX 78767
512/472-6267

YOUTH ADVOCACY PROGRAM

Program Description: The Youth Advocacy Program provides counseling and in-depth involvement with adolescents who have used inhalants to the degree that they need professional help. By serving as an advocate for the client, the program can help redirect her or him within her or his environment. The staff works with other agencies providing youth services.

Services Provided:
1) Counseling
2) Job counseling
3) Referrals
4) Crisis intervention
5) Parent support
6) Drug abuse education

Contact: Director
Youth Advocacy Program
6304-D Porter
Austin, TX 78741
512/385-3325

YOUTH SERVICES DIVISION

Program Description: Through the Department of Human Resources and Services, this project operates five neighborhood-based centers located in San Antonio. The program diverts juvenile status and Class C misdemeanor offenders (males and females, 10 through 16 years of age) from the juvenile justice system. It provides an alternative to schools, parents, and other community sources for handling troubled youth.

Services Provided:
1) Diagnostic services
2) Counseling and casework
3) Remedial, including medical, dental, and psychiatric
4) Supportive services
5) Recreational and cultural services
6) Drug abuse prevention

Contact: Youth Services Division
P.O. Box 83966
San Antonio, TX 78283-3966
512/299-7191

YOUTH VICTIM/WITNESS PROGRAM

Program Description: The Youth Victim/Witness Services Program will work closely with law enforcement agencies, District Attorney/prosecutor's office, juvenile court system, other agencies, parents and youth themselves to identify and evaluate the needs of the child victim/witness. This program will address the needs of the child victim/witness, assist with prosecution when appropriate, and guarantee follow through with services for these children.

Services Provided:
1) Crisis counseling
2) Referrals
3) Explanation
4) Support, encouragement and intervention
5) Court accompaniment—to the police dept., DA office, and the court
6) Information
7) Follow-up
8) Communication
9) Referral and support services
10) Parent support group

Contact: Youth Victim/Witness Services Program
3217 Montrose
Houston, TX 77006
713/520-9110

UNIVERSITY SYSTEM SERVICES

This section describes programs administered by various university systems. Please refer to the contact name and address for more information about the programs.

SPEECH-LANGUAGE-HEARING CLINIC

Program Description: Provides diagnosis and remediation for all communication problems from childhood through adult. Complete hearing assessment services available. Clinic is accredited by the Professional Services Board of the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association.

Services Provided:
1) Diagnosis of all communication problems
2) Complete hearing assessment
3) Remediation for all communication disorders
4) Intensive program for stuttering children and their families
5) Speech, language, and hearing screening
6) Private consultation on request

Contact: Dr. Dick Mallard, Director
Speech-Language-Hearing Clinic
Southwest Texas State University
San Marcos, TX 78666
512/245-2330

EXPANDED NUTRITION PROGRAM (ENP)

Program Description: A federally funded nutrition program. It is an integral part of the Texas Agricultural Extension Service Home Economics and 4-H programs. The program is designed to reach low-income audiences, especially those with young children, to help them improve their dietary level through nutrition education and to help them become more efficient and effective users of available resources. There are both adult and youth phases of the program.

Services Provided:
1) Nutrition education
2) Participant referral

Contact: Assistant Director for Home Economics
Texas Agricultural Extension Service
Systems Bldg., Room 102
Texas A&M University
College Station, TX 77843
409/845-7982

FAMILY LIFE EDUCATION

Program Description: Parent education is a focal point for Extension Service family life programming. Child growth and development, prenatal care, parent-child relationships, family relationships, and individual growth and development are typical of the topics taught.

Services Provided:
1) Community education
2) Information
3) Training
4) Publications

Contact: Family Life Education Specialists
Texas Agricultural Extension Service
Texas A&M University
Special Services Bldg., Rm 201
College Station, TX 77843
409/845-3850

4-H CLUBS

Program Description: Texas 4-H clubs provide informal educational programs in agriculture, home economics, and other related fields for boys and girls. The local community provides volunteer leadership and support for awards programs and activities. Age group: 9-19.

Services Provided:
1) Informal education-opportunity to develop skills in area of interest
2) Fellowship with peers

Contact: Director
Texas Agricultural Extension Service
The Texas A&M University System
809 University Dr. E Suite D&E
College Station, TX 77843
409/845-1211

HOME ECONOMICS

Program Description: Local programs focus on practical research-based information to strengthen families; improve nutrition, diet and health; and increase economic security and stability. Parenting, child care, food safety, weight management, normal nutrition, special foods needs, financial planning and management, family resource management, housing and clothing needs, preventive health care are some program areas. Recent initiatives include: wellness at the worksite, home-based business, family day home care providers, partners for parenting, nutritional and environmental concerns of the elderly, adult sitters with elderly; financial planning for young couples; textiles for retailers; sewing for profit; package your home to sell; home care and maintenance; family community leadership.

Services Provided: 1) Informal education for youth and adults

Contact: Dr. Zerle L. Carpenter, Director
Texas Agricultural Extension Service
The Texas A&M University System
102 Systems Administration Building
College Station, TX 77843-7101
409/845-7808

RESOURCE ACCESS PROJECT

Program Description: Consortia of 15 projects which provide training and technical assistance to Head Start programs, and in conjunction with Head Start provide day care for mainstreaming individuals; assist programs to find agencies, equipment, and resources; and assist the parents of children entering the mainstreaming program.

Services Provided: 1) Technical assistance
2) Information and referral
3) Counseling and guidance

Contact: Director
Resource Access Project
P.O. Box 4170
Texas Tech University
Lubbock, TX 79401
806/742-3296

TEXAS RESOURCE COORDINATION PROJECT

Program Description: To assist Head Start programs in Texas (age 3-5). Link-up with and coordinate service delivery with local handicapped providers.

Services Provided: 1) Information and referral
2) Technical assistance to providers

Contact: Director
Texas Resource Coordination Project
P.O. Box 4170
Texas Tech University
Lubbock, TX 79409
806/742-3296

SPEECH AND HEARING CLINIC

Program Description: Provides diagnostic work-ups, evaluations, and therapy for anyone with a speech-language or hearing problem.

Services Provided:
1) Speech-language-hearing evaluation and therapy
2) Parent counseling relating to communication problems

Contact: Director
Speech and Hearing Clinic
Texas Women's University
P.O. Box 23775, TWU Station
Denton, TX 76204
817/898-2025

INSTITUTE OF TEXAN CULTURES

Program Description: Provides assorted tours which can be designed especially for specific age groups if arrangements are made in advance. Has several special programs including: History Mystery, Young Readers series of books, the special film program which has different films (call for titles), Puppet Theatre, and the Back Forty (a hands-on museum containing artifacts and historical buildings such as a fort, a one-room schoolhouse, a hill country barn, and an adobe house). Pre and post visit materials are available for teachers. Special events include: Spooky Sunday, Pioneer Sunday, and others at the appropriate time of year. Call for tours geared toward special subjects such as the German culture, Religions of Texas, and others.

Services Provided:
1) Information on Texas cultures
2) Education (pre-school and up)
3) Publications
4) Guided tours

Contact: Bonnie Truax, Dir. of Ed. Programs
University of Texas
Institute of Texan Cultures
P.O. Box 1226
San Antonio, TX 78294
512/226-7651 Ext. 252

COMMUNICATION ORIENTED PRIMARY CARE

Program Description: This is a project for providing health care to children in an area where most of the people served are below the poverty level, and medically underserved. Through three clinics, it provides medical and psychological care in specified tracts in West Dallas where the rate of infant mortality is high.

Services Provided: 1) Comprehensive medical and psychological care

Contact: Director of Administration
Dallas County Hospital District
6263 Harry Hines Blvd., Suite 401
Dallas, TX 75235
214/630-4781

REACH (REFERRAL AND EVALUATION OF ABUSED CHILDREN)

Program Description: Medical services for abused children. A physical is given to determine if the child has been abused or neglected.

Services Provided:
1) Medical
2) Referral
3) Follow-up
4) Developmental

Contact: Joan Wilson, Clinical Social Worker
Child Abuse Clinic
Children's Medical Center
1935 Motor St.
Dallas, TX 75235
214/920-2300

SICKLE CELL ANEMIA CLINIC/ CHILDREN'S MEDICAL CENTER

Program Description: The clinic provides diagnosis and treatment for children with sickle cell anemia. Also educates the patient and family on the disease.

Services Provided:
1) Diagnosis and treatment
2) Research
3) Patient and family education

Contact: Pediatric Nurse Practitioner
Sickle Cell Anemia Clinic, UTHSCD
Children's Medical Center
1935 Motor St.
Dallas, TX 75235
214/920-2382

PEDIATRIC CANCER CARE

Program Description: Provides comprehensive cancer care for children (ages 0-16) with the disease.

Services Provided:
1) Information and referral
2) Diagnostic evaluation
3) Preventive and remedial medical care
4) Counseling
5) Follow-up
6) Education materials

Contact: Department of Pediatrics
Pediatric Cancer Care
M.D. Anderson Hospital and Tumor Institute
1515 Holcombe Blvd.
Houston, TX 77030
713/792-2121

STATE AGENCY SERVICES

This section describes the publicly supported children, school, and family programs in Texas, grouped according to the state agency administering them. Information about a particular program may be obtained through the position named at the beginning of each section.

It must be remembered that while the services listed are those available from the agency, not every local office provides every service nor will every client be eligible for every service.

CHILD SUPPORT ENFORCEMENT

Program Description: Establishes paternity, locates absent parents through the State Parent Locater Service, collects child support as required by court action, and disburses child support payments. The AFDC caretaker must assign support rights to the State and cooperate with the department in order to receive this service.

Services Provided:
1) Child Support Collection
2) Court related

Contact: Attorney General - Child Support
P.O. Box 12548
Austin, TX 78711
512/463-2181

DRUG ABUSE RESEARCH AND EDUCATION FOUNDATION (DARE) - TEXANS' WAR ON DRUGS

Program Description: Founded in 1980, Texans' War on Drugs (TWOD) is a non-profit statewide organization dedicated solely to the prevention of drug use, especially among youth. The organization is staffed with prevention specialists who work as regional and statewide coordinators. Headquartered in Austin, Texans' War on Drugs is federally funded and state administered through the Criminal Justice Division and the Texas Commission on Alcohol and Drug Abuse. The goal of TWOD is the prevention of alcohol and other drug use by young people and the mobilization of drug-free communities throughout Texas. TWOD works in partnership with all segments of society in a united effort to raise public awareness of the harmful effects of drugs and to promote a drug-free lifestyle. TWOD promotes: No use of any illegal drug and no illegal use of any legal drug.

Services Provided:
1) Organizes parent, community, and youth groups
2) Provides information on alcohol, other drugs, and related issues
3) Community and media presentations
4) Training and development
5) Consultation and technical assistance
6) Review of drug policies, programs, and educational material

Contact: Robinson Risner, Executive Director
Texans' War on Drugs
11044 Research Blvd.
Building D, Suite 200
Austin, TX 78759-5239
512/343-6950

DRUG ABUSE RESEARCH AND EDUCATION FOUNDATION (DARE) - TEXANS' WAR ON DRUGS, continued

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Austin, TX 78759-5239
512/343-7141

PURCHASE OF JUVENILE SERVICES

Program Description: Responsible for distributing federal Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Act funds that can be used to provide services for juveniles who are either alleged offenders or are actually adjudicated. The juvenile must have been referred to the juvenile court intake for an alleged or adjudicated offense under Title III of the Family Code. Funds may be used to contract with public or private agencies for services. Local juvenile probation departments are eligible for these funds. The purpose for the service is to comply with the Federal Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Act which includes removal of juveniles from adult jails and removal of runaways and other status offenders from secure facilities.

Services Provided:
1) Individual and family counseling
2) Psychological testing
3) Emergency shelter and transportation
4) Medical and dental services in special cases
5) Residential treatment

Contact: Director
Criminal Justice Division
Office of the Governor
P.O. Box 12428, Capitol Station
Austin, TX 78711
512/463-1919

THE RUNAWAY HOTLINE

Program Description: A national hotline designed to act as a liaison between runaways and their parents. A runaway anywhere in the U.S. can call the toll-free numbers and have a message relayed to his/her family. Calls are confidential and are not traced. If immediate assistance, such as legal aid, medical assistance, shelter or food is needed, the program can refer them to an appropriate agency in the area from which they are calling. Information on services is available for 48 states. The program is coordinated with 47 other governors' offices. Alaska and Hawaii are not included.

Services Provided:
1) Information and referral
2) Indirect communication between parent and child
3) In Texas hotline # 1-800-392-3352
4) Out-of-state hotline # 1-800-231-6946

Contact: Mimi Correa, Director
Governor's Office of Community Leadership
P.O. Box 12428
Austin, TX 78711
512/463-1980

BLIND AND VISUALLY IMPAIRED CHILDREN'S PROGRAM

Program Description: Works to prevent blindness or visual handicaps. Services are made available to provide the opportunity for the child to achieve optimum levels of functioning through the acquisition of special skills and other related services. Age group: 0-16.

Services Provided:
1) Information and referral
2) Diagnostic evaluation
3) Counseling and guidance
4) Medical (preventive)
5) Medical (remedial)
6) Personal adjustment
7) Technical assistance to providers
8) Transportation
9) Follow-up

Contact: Executive Director
Texas Commission for the Blind
P.O. Box 12866
Austin, TX 78711
512/459-2500

VOCATIONAL REHABILITATION

Program Description: To provide services that will increase independent living and provide employment capability. Specific programs include vocational training, job placement, and follow-up. Age group: 16-adult.

Services Provided:
1) Information and referral
2) Diagnostic evaluation
3) Vocational counseling
4) Medical (preventive)
5) Medical (remedial)
6) Personal adjustment
7) Vocational training
8) Employment assistance
9) Transportation
10) Follow-up

Contact: Director
Texas Commission for the Blind
P.O. Box 12866
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512/459-2500

DIRECT SERVICES PROGRAM

Program Description: Objective is to provide a wide range of services to deaf, hearing impaired, and other interested individuals, raising the level of awareness on issues of deafness and enabling deaf and hearing impaired to function more independently. Texas Commission for the Deaf (TCD) contracts with local, nonprofit organizations—known as councils for the deaf—through which these direct services are provided throughout Texas.

Services Provided:
1) Interpreter services
2) Information and referral
3) Message relay
4) Services to Older Hearing Impaired Texans (SOHIT)
5) Outdoor recreational training program (CAMP SIGN) (One week camp for deaf youngsters age 8-17)
6) Placement of telecommunication devices (TDDs) in state agencies

Contact: Texas Commission for the Deaf
510 South Congress, Suite 300
P.O. Box 12904, Capitol Station
Austin, TX 78711
512/469-9891

ALCOHOLISM PREVENTION

Program Description: Provides educational programs for school grades. Services may include identification of youth with alcohol and drug related problems. Provides services to children of alcoholic families.

Services Provided:
1) Information and referral
2) Prevention of alcoholism
3) Education

Contact: Executive Director
Texas Commission on Alcohol and Drug Abuse
1705 Guadalupe
Austin, TX 78701
512/463-5510

ALCOHOLISM TREATMENT SERVICES

Program Description: Provides intervention for children of alcoholic parents and youth alcohol abusers.

Services Provided:
1) Information and referral
2) Diagnostic evaluation
3) Counseling and guidance
4) Personal adjustment
5) Follow-up

Contact: Executive Director
Texas Commission on Alcohol and Drug Abuse
1705 Guadalupe
Austin, TX 78701
512/463-5510

INTERVENTION PROGRAM

Program Description: Provides alcoholism and alcohol abuse prevention, information, intervention, and referral for alcoholism treatment services. Services are provided through councils on alcoholism across the state.

Services Provided:
1) Information and referral
2) Counseling and guidance
3) Education

Contact: Executive Director
Texas Commission on Alcohol and Drug Abuse
1705 Guadalupe
Austin, TX 78701
512/463-5510

CITY ASSISTANCE

Program Description: Provides technical assistance and limited financial assistance to cities, designed to help them improve the management of local resources. The program also coordinates with other department grantees' early childhood services with other services provided by the department.

Services Provided:
1) Information and referral
2) Financial assistance
3) Training (technical seminar)
4) Technical assistance to cities
5) Coordination

Contact: Executive Director
Texas Dept. of Community Affairs
P.O. Box 13166, Capitol Station
Austin, TX 78711
512/834-6000

COUNTY ASSISTANCE

Program Description: Provides technical assistance and limited financial assistance to counties, designed to help them improve the management of local resources. The program also coordinates with other department grantees' early childhood services with other services provided by the department.

Services Provided:
1) Information and referral
2) Financial assistance
3) Training (technical seminar)
4) Technical assistance to cities
5) Coordination

Contact: Executive Director
Texas Dept. of Community Affairs
P.O. Box 13166, Capitol Station
Austin, TX 78711
512/834-6000

ENERGY HOUSING AND ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE DIVISION

Program Description: Provides technical and supportive services to community service agencies and Office of Human Development grantees on matters relating to services for poor children. Weatherization assistance for low income families, and an energy crisis intervention program.

Services Provided:
1) Administration of grants
2) Information and referral

Contact: Executive Director
Texas Dept. of Community Affairs
P.O. Box 13166, Capitol Station
Austin, TX 78711
512/834-6000

FERGUSON UNIT

Program Description: Designed to meet the needs of youthful offenders. Programs provide rehabilitation, training, and personal adjustment in order to reduce recidivism. Emphasis is placed on education and vocational training, though programs in agriculture, industry, and construction are available.

Services Provided:
1) Information and referral
2) Counseling and guidance
3) Medical
4) Financial assistance
5) Materials (tools, food, clothing)
6) Personal adjustment
7) Job placement
8) Education (kindergarten through high school)
9) Transportation
10) Court-related
11) Emergency
12) Follow-up
13) Agriculture programs
14) Recreation programs
15) Religious
16) Security

Contact: Assistant Public Affairs Officer
Texas Dept. of Corrections
P.O. Box 99
Huntsville, TX 77340
409/295-6371

Ferguson Unit
Rt. 2, Box 20
Midway, TX 75852

BUREAU OF VITAL STATISTICS

Program Description: Responsible for the Vital Records Program and the Statistical Records Program. They file certificates of birth and death.

Contact: Texas Department of Health
1100 W. 49th St.
Austin, TX 78756
512/458-7451

CHRONIC DISEASE PREVENTION PROGRAM

Program Description: Provides Adult Health Program which includes risk assessment, screening, referral for further evaluation, education and counseling for chronic disease prevention, i.e. diabetes, cancer and heart disease screening and control devices. Also provides Alzheimer's Disease Inituitive which provides information to primary caretakers of victims. Services are delivered through public health regions and local health departments.

Contact: Texas Department of Health
1100 W. 49th St.
Austin, TX 78756
512/458-7534

CHRONICALLY ILL AND DISABLED CHILDREN SERVICES

Program Description: This program is a medical services program designed to identify and medically assist children who might otherwise be unable to benefit from present or future educational or employment opportunities. The program helps by arranging and paying for treatment and equipment for children with specific disabilities and medical needs.

Contact: Texas Department of Health
1100 W. 49th St.
Austin, TX 78756-3179
512/458-7355

DENTAL HEALTH PROGRAM

Program Description: Administers the Dental Care and the Dental Health Education Programs, and the Fluoridation Project which promotes fluoridation of public water supply systems in Texas.

Contact: Texas Department of Health
1100 W. 49th St.
Austin, TX 78756
512/458-7323

DIVISION OF OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY AND HEALTH

Program Description: Responsible for adoption, application and implementation of safety measures in places of employment in Texas. Field safety engineers in Arlington, Houston, Midland, San Antonio, and Tyler provide on-site inspection and consultation whereby employers, particularly small businessmen, will be provided with information necessary to comply with standards and rules and regulations of the Occupational Safety and Health Administration. They assist and consult with employers as to the effective means of preventing occupational injuries and illnesses and encourage employers to achieve and maintain safe and healthful workplaces.

Contact: Texas Department of Health
1100 W. 49th St.
Austin, TX 78756
512/458-7287

IMMUNIZATION DIVISION

Program Description: The main function of this program is the distribution of childhood vaccines, but are also interested in reaching adults that are susceptible, particularly women of childbearing age who are susceptible to rubella.

Contact: Texas Department of Health
1100 W. 49th St.
Austin, TX 78756
512/458-7284

INTERNATIONAL REFUGEE HEALTH SCREENING PROGRAM

Program Description: The purpose of the program is to identify and intervene in health problems of refugees which are a public health concern or could impede effective resettlement, with an emphasis on employability. TDH uses 100% federal funds to contract with local health departments in high impact areas to help employ bilingual refugees and bridge the cultural and language barriers to health screening. Only legally admitted refugees with officially approved resettlement plans qualify. Refugees from over 25 countries are served.

Contact: Texas Department of Health
1100 W. 49th St.
Austin, TX 78756
512/458-7111

MATERNAL AND CHILD HEALTH DIVISION

Program Description: The main objective is the reduction of infant mortality and morbidity, and prenatal and delivery services for medically high-risk pregnancies, and the promotion of the health of infants and children, especially those from low income families with no other access to health care. Services are provided through child health and family planning clinics and through coordination with other agencies providing care to low income families with infants and children. In addition to the clinics operated through public health regions and local health departments, the M&CH Division continued the program of special projects made up of three children and youth, two maternity and infant care, one intensive care nursery, and one preschool dental project. Also adminsters the following programs: the Newborn Screening Program which does the PKU test, the Texas Genetics Network which operates testing and counseling programs, and the Supplemental Food Program for Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) which provides supplemental foods and nutrition education to Texas' nutritionally deficient pregnant, postpartum, and lactating women, infants, and children up to age 5 who are nutritionally at risk.

Contact: Texas Department of Health
1100 W. 49th St.
Austin, TX 78756
512/458-7700

PUBLIC HEALTH EDUCATION DIVISION

Program Description: This division has responsibility for providing health education support services throughout the state, consisting of materials production, literature distribution, in-service training, and related community activity.

Contact: Texas Department of Health
1100 W. 49th St.
Austin, TX 78756
512/458-7405

SEXUALLY TRANSMITTED DISEASE CONTROL DIVISION

Program Description: Responsible for maintaining an effective statewide sexually transmitted disease control program. Texas laws provide for (1) reporting and control of sexually transmitted disease cases, (2) prenatal exam for syphillis, (3) protection of the eyes of newborns, (4) minor's capacity to consent to treatment for sexually transmitted disease, and (5) reporting of sexually transmitted disease laboratory tests.

Contact: Texas Department of Health
1100 W. 49th St.
Austin, TX 78756
512/458-7225

THE TUBERCULOSIS CONTROL DIVISION

Program Description: The goals of this group are the eradication of tuberculosis from a public health standpoint, and rendering all people with infectious diseases, non-infectious.

Contact: Texas Department of Health
1100 W. 49th St.
Austin, TX 78756
512/458-7447

AID TO FAMILIES WITH DEPENDENT CHILDREN (AFDC)

Program Description: Provides financial support to families with children who are deprived of normal support because of the death, absence, or disability of one or both parents.

Services Provided: 1) Financial assistance

Contact: Texas Department of Human Services
P.O. Box 15995
Austin, TX 78761
512/444-0511

DAY CARE (THROUGH AFDC)

Program Description: Provides developmental day care services to children to prevent or remedy the effects of abuse and neglect and to enable them to achieve optimal development. The program also provides day care services to children to allow their parents or caretakers to work or receive training.

Services Provided:
1) Information and referral
2) Counseling and guidance
3) Training (technical seminar)
4) Day care
5) Technical assistance to providers
6) Regulatory (licenses/inspection)
7) Transportation
8) Emergency
9) Follow-up

Contact: Texas Department of Human Services
P.O. Box 2960
Austin, TX 78769
512/929-7330

Texas Department of Human Services
1348 Highway 123 South
San Marcos, TX 78666
512/353-8330

INDIVIDUAL AND FAMILY GRANT PROGRAM (DISASTER RELIEF)

Program Description: Provides grants to individuals or families victimized by events which are declared to be major disasters by the President of the U.S. to help them recover from damages.

Services Provided:
1) Information and referral
2) Counseling and guidance
3) Medical (remedial)
4) Financial assistance

Contact: Texas Department of Human Services
P.O. Box 149030
Austin, TX 78714-9030
512/450-3491

EMPLOYMENT SERVICES

Program Description: Refocused Employment Services assists targeted AFDC clients to become self-sufficient through job assessment, mutual service planning, support services, and case management. Targeted clients are helped to become ready for a job and to take advantage of job opportunities.

Services Provided:
1) Referrals to community services for education & training
2) Support services—day care, family planning, health care, transportation
3) Assessment & case planning
4) Case management for targeted clients
5) Referrals for job search & job placement

Contact: Texas Department of Human Services
P.O. Box 2960
Austin, TX 78769
512/929-7350

Texas Department of Human Services
1348 Highway 123 South
San Marcos, TX 78666
512/353-8330

FAMILY PLANNING

Program Description: Provides counseling, education and medical services to AFDC and SSI recipients and to other low-income persons meeting financial guideline to enable them to voluntarily limit their family size or to space child births.

Services Provided:
1) Information and referral
2) Medical services
3) Educational services
4) Birth control methods (through contract providers)

Contact: Texas Department of Human Services
P.O. Box 15995
Austin, TX 78761
512/929-7330

Texas Department of Human Services
1348 Highway 123 South
San Marcos, TX 78666
512/353-8330

FAMILY VIOLENCE

Program Description: Provides services to protect children, reduce the risk of child abuse/neglect, assist families, and provide temporary and permanent families to children removed from their homes by court action.

Services Provided:
1) Information and referral
2) Intake and investigation of reports of suspected child abuse and neglect
3) Direct casework services to families
4) Needed services to intact families
5) Purchased community evaluation and treatment services
6) Foster and adoptive family recruitment, training, and placement
7) Toll-free hotline for reporting abuse/neglect

Contact: Texas Department of Human Services
Protective Services for Families and Children Division
P.O. Box 149030
Austin, TX 78714-9030
512/450-3300 or
Child Abuse Hotline (24 hours per day): 1-800-252-5400

NUTRITION ASSISTANCE SERVICES

Program Description: Administers the following programs: Temporary Emergency Food Assistance Program, Nutrition Education Training Program, Child Care Food Program, Summer Food Service Program (for children), The National Breakfast and School Lunch Programs and the Special Milk Program (for private schools).

Contact: Texas Department of Human Services
P.O. Box 149030
Austin, TX 78714-9030
512/450-3370

FOOD STAMP PROGRAM

Program Description: Provides food stamps to low income families to supplement their food purchasing power.

Services Provided:
1) Food stamps
2) AFDC
3) Medical program

Contact: Texas Department of Human Services
P.O. Box 15995
Austin, TX 78761
512/444-9515

HEALTH CARE

Program Description: Administers the state's Medicaid program.

Contact: Texas Department of Human Services
P.O. Box 2960
Austin, TX 78769
800/252-8263 Toll-free hotline

HEALTH SCREENING

Program Description: Administers the Early and Periodic Screening, Diagnosis and Treatment program which provides health care to individuals under the age of 17 who are eligible for Medicaid.

Contact: Texas Department of Human Services
P.O. Box 2960
Austin, TX 78769
800/252-8263 Toll-free hotline

PROTECTIVE SERVICES FOR ABUSED AND NEGLECTED CHILDREN

Program Description: Investigates reports of suspected neglect or abuse. If a child is abused or neglected and it has been determined by the court that the child is a conservator of the state, then this agency helps with the following services.

Services Provided:
1) Information and referral
2) Intake and investigation on cases of abuse and neglect
3) Services including adoption and foster care
4) Toll-free hotline 1-800-252-5400 for making reports

Contact: Texas Department of Human Services
P.O. Box 149030
Austin, TX 78714-9030
512/450-3300

ALCOHOLISM

Program Description: Serves young people who are mentally ill or emotionally disturbed due to alcohol abuse or addiction. The program provides 24-hour intensive psychiatric inpatient care. Detoxification, evaluation, early treatment, and follow-up services are provided.

Services Provided:
1) Diagnostic evaluation
2) Counseling and guidance
3) Medical (maintenance)
4) Personal adjustment
5) Court related
6) 24-hour care

Contact: Texas Department of Mental Health and Mental Retardation
Commissioner
P.O. Box 12668
Austin, TX 78711
800/252-8154 Toll-free hotline

ALTERNATE RESIDENTIAL CARE

Program Description: This program provides for the placement of mentally ill or emotionally disturbed children in community based residential facilities such as halfway houses, group homes, or apartments. The individual must have an identified emotional, mental, or substance abuse problem which would otherwise require a more restrictive residential setting.

Services Provided:
1) Counseling and guidance
2) Medical (maintenance)
3) Personal adjustment
4) Education coordination

Contact: Texas Department of Mental Health and Mental Retardation
Commissioner
P.O. Box 12668
Austin, TX 78711
800/252-8154 Toll-free hotline

COMMUNITY PROGRAMS

Program Description: Community programs provide a comprehensive range of services to prevent mental or emotional disability. Services are provided as close to the client's home as possible and geared to the needs of the individual. The individual must have an identified emotional, mental, or substance abuse problem which places the child at risk of hospitalization and/or is severely disruptive to family or community living.

Services Provided:
1) Information and referral
2) Diagnostic evaluation
3) Counseling and guidance
4) Medical (preventive and maintenance)
5) Personal adjustment
6) Special education
7) Job placement
8) Day care
9) Technical assistance to providers
10) Court related
11) Emergency
12) Follow-up

Contact: Texas Department of Mental Health and Mental Retardation
Commissioner
P.O. Box 12668
Austin, TX 78711
800/252-8154 Toll-free hotline

DRUG ABUSE

Program Description: Designed to restore mental and emotional health to those harmed by the excessive use of drugs. The program provides inpatient care consisting of detoxification, evaluation, rehabilitation, training, and education.

Services Provided:
1) Diagnostic evaluation
2) Counseling and guidance
3) Personal adjustment
40 Education
5) Job placement
6) Court related
7) Follow-up
8) 24-hour care

Contact: Texas Department of Mental Health and Mental Retardation
Commissioner
P.O. Box 12668
Austin, TX 78711
800/252-8154 Toll-free hotline

SCREENING/REFERRAL/EMERGENCY

Program Description: This program is the child's initial contact with the Community programs. Diagnostic evaluation is conducted and needed programs and/or services are arranged. Emergency services are provided in crisis situations.

Services Provided:
1) Information and referral
2) Diagnostic evaluation
3) Court related
4) Emergency

Contact: Texas Department of Mental Health and Mental Retardation
Commissioner
P.O. Box 12668
Austin, TX 78711
800/252-8154 Toll-free hotline

SHELTERED WORK TRAINING

Program Description: Provides vocational training, personal/social adjustment training, sheltered employment, and job placement to mentally ill or emotionally disturbed youth to enable them to obtain competitive employment or further education-training leading to employment. The youth must be over 15 years of age and have an identified mental or emotional disorder.

Services Provided:
1) Medical (maintenance)
2) Personal adjustment
3) Training
4) Job placement

Contact: Texas Department of Mental Health and Mental Retardation
Commissioner
P.O. Box 12668
Austin, TX 78711
800/252-8154 Toll-free hotline

STATE HOSPITAL PROGRAM

Program Description: Provides 24-hour inpatient psychiatric care to mentally ill or emotionally disturbed children. Specific programs focus on mental retardation/emotional disturbance, drug abuse, and alcoholism. The child must have a mental, emotional, or substance abuse problem and the behavior must be dangerous to oneself or others.

Services Provided:
1) Diagnostic evaluation
2) Intensive counseling and guidance
3) Medical (stabilization and maintenance)
4) Personal adjustment
5) Education
6) Job placement
7) Court related
8) 24-hour care

Contact: Texas Department of Mental Health and Mental Retardation
Commissioner
P.O. Box 12668
Austin, TX 78711
800/252-8154 Toll-free hotline

STATE SCHOOL PROGRAM

Program Description: Assists each mentally retarded resident in reaching his/her maximum potential for a full life.

Services Provided:
1) Diagnostic evaluation
2) Counseling and guidance
3) Medical (maintenance)
4) Personal adjustment
5) Limited education
6) 24-hour care

Contact: Texas Department of Mental Health and Mental Retardation
Commissioner
P.O. Box 12668
Austin, TX 78711
800/252-8154 Toll-free hotline

TWENTY-FOUR HOUR RESIDENTIAL TREATMENT

Program Description: 24-hour psychiatric care, treatment, and rehabilitation services are provided to mentally ill, mentally retarded, emotionally disturbed, and drug addicted children. The child must have a severe mental, emotional, or drug problem which has not been responsive to out-patient treatment and which places the child at immediate high risk of hospitalization.

Services Provided:
1) Diagnostic evaluation
2) Intensive counseling and guidance
3) Medical (stabilization and maintenance)
4) Court related
5) Emergency
6) Education coordination

Contact: Texas Department of Mental Health and Mental Retardation
Commissioner
P.O. Box 12668
Austin, TX 78711
800/252-8154 Toll-free hotline

ADULT BASIC AND SECONDARY EDUCATION PROGRAM

Program Description: Provides the opportunity for adults to continue their education to the level of completion of secondary school or its equivalency or secure the specific educational prerequisites for gainful employment. The program provides for general knowledge acquisition through the eighth grade level of competency or an accepted minimum performance level; high school equivalency training for adults; high school credit programs; educational prerequisites for vocational training or postsecondary education and for assisting adults to meet specific educational objectives below the college credit level. The program provides instruction in the skills of reading, writing, speaking the English language, and arithmetic. The materials used in this program assist in developing knowledge and understanding of good citizenship, health, science, community and family responsibilities, homemaking practices, occupational orientation, and employment possibilities.

Contact: Dr. Pavlos Roussos
Texas Education Agency
1701 N. Congress Ave.
Austin, TX 78701
512/463-9734

APPRENTICESHIP TRAINING PROGRAM

Program Description: To provide on-the-job training, preparatory instruction, supplementary instruction, or related instruction in a trade certified as an apprenticeship occupation by the Bureau of Apprenticeship Training of the U.S. Department of Labor.

Contact: James C. Woodman
Texas Education Agency
1701 N. Congress Ave.
Austin, TX 78701
512/463-9734

ATTORNEY GENERAL DRUG ABUSE

Program Description: Funds are provided for drug related education for the school children of Texas through staff development of Texas school personnel. This will be accomplished through development and presentation of instructional and inservice programs in conjunction with and as part of House Bill 246 implementation. Additionally, incentives will be provided to encourage school districts to attend the annual prevention conference conducted by the Texas Commission on Alcoholism.

Contact: Commissioner of Education
Texas Education Agency
1701 N. Congress Ave.
Austin, TX 78701
512/463-9734

BILINGUAL EDUCATION AND SPECIAL LANGUAGE PROGRAMS

Program Description: Designed to meet the special needs of students of limited English proficiency. In the bilingual program, students are to progress normally in the development of academic skills and concepts while learning English. English-as-a-second language (ESL) programs are in English—not dual language. Specific objectives of the individual programs vary with the needs and desires of each student. Bilingual education serves grades K–Elementary and ESL programs serve grades K–12.

Contact: Director, Compensatory/Bilingual/Migrant Funding and Compliance
Texas Education Agency
1701 N. Congress Ave.
Austin, TX 78701
512/463-9374

COMPENSATORY EDUCATION

Program Description: A Foundation School Program that provides programs for educationally disadvantaged children. Programs include reading, language arts, mathematics, and bilingual-multicultural education. Support services such as health, guidance, counseling, and other necessary social services are offered to complement the instructional services.

Contact: Director, State Funding
Texas Education Agency
1701 N. Congress Ave.
Austin, TX 78701
512/463-9238

COMPREHENSIVE SERVICES FOR THE VISUALLY HANDICAPPED

Program Description: Provides basic special educational services and supplemental services for the visually handicapped child. The services are provided through local programs, special cooperatives, and regional education service centers.

Contact: Commissioner of Education
Texas Education Agency
1701 N. Congress Ave.
Austin, TX 78701
512/463-9734

DEVELOPMENTAL SERVICES FOR THE DEAF/BLIND

Program Description: Developmental services, including educational programming and prevocational/vocational training is provided to all identified deaf-blind students through public, nonpublic, and state schools. Technical assistance and staff development are provided by the State Deaf/Blind Program.

Contact: Special Education Programs
Texas Education Agency
1701 N. Congress Ave.
Austin, TX 78701
512/463-9414

ESEA (ELEMENTARY SECONDARY EDUCATION ACT)

Program Description: Provides programs to meet the needs of educationally deprived children, migratory children, immigrant children, refugee children, legalized alien children, and children in neglected or delinquent institutions. Programs are directed toward the areas of developmental skills, reading, and mathematics, along with support services necessary to complement the instructional services. Other programs are geared to increase school effectiveness and enhance the quality of teaching and learning; provide opportunities for math and science teachers to improve their skills and quality of instruction; and to promote drug abuse education and prevention.

Services Provided:
1) Reading and math programs
2) Gifted programs
3) Programs for at-risk students
4) Acquisition of instructional materials
5) Personnel training and professional development
6) Program to enhance personal excellence and student achievement
7) Teacher training
8) Remedial and special language programs
9) Drug education programs

Contact: Director, Compensatory/Bilingul/Migrant Funding and Compliance
Texas Education Agency
1701 N. Congress Ave.
Austin, TX 78701
512/463-9374

EDUCATION SERVICE CENTERS

Program Description: 20 regional education service centers provide educational planning, leadership, and services to school districts. Center activities focus on providing (1) educational services to school districts to meet expressed needs and (2) technical assistance to school districts in the implementation of educational programs that respond to statewide school improvement initiatives.

Services Provided:
1) Media lending libraries
2) Data processing to support school administration
3) Special education services
4) Technical assistance in accreditation, curriculum improvement, bilingual education, gifted/ talented education, at-risk and drop-out prevention
5) Inservice training for teachers
6) Administrator and school board member training
7) Training of school bus drivers
8) Technical assistance in instructional technology

Contact: Division of Education Service Centers
Texas Education Agency
1701 N. Congress Ave.
Austin, TX 78701
512/463-9371

FUTURE FARMERS OF AMERICA

Program Description: To provide leadership training for students enrolled in vocational agriculture programs.

Contact: Commissioner of Education
Texas Education Agency
1701 N. Congress Ave.
Austin, TX 78701
512/463-9734

FUTURE HOMEMAKERS OF AMERICA

Program Description: To provide leadership development for young men and women who are preparing for the occupation of homemaker or for a career in a home economics related occupation.

Contact: Commissioner of Education
Texas Education Agency
1701 N. Congress Ave.
Austin, TX 78701
512/463-9734

GIFTED AND TALENTED PROGRAM

Program Description: Provides programs that serve students who have been identified as having exceptional ability in one or more of the following areas: general intellectual ability, specific subject matter aptitude, ability in creative/productive thinking, and leadership ability. Districts are offered a variety of staff development opportunities and receive technical assistance in program development or improvement.

Contact: Dr. W. N. Kirby, Commissioner of Education
Texas Education Agency
1701 N. Congress Ave.
Austin, TX 78701
512/463-9734

JOB TRAINING PARTNERSHIP ACT

Program Description: Provides authorization for programs to prepare youth and unskilled adults for entry into the labor force and to afford job training to those economically disadvantaged individuals and other individuals facing serious barriers to employment, who are in special need of such training to obtain productive employment. Federal program TEA helps coordinate. The Texas Department of Commerce is the grant recipient.

Contact: Sylvia Garcia
Texas Education Agency
1701 N. Congress Ave.
Austin, TX 78701
512/463-9734

KINDERGARTEN PROGRAM

Program Description: Provides public school education for all 5-year-old children in Texas. Attendance is not compulsory; however, it is mandatory that school districts offer the program. Subject areas are the same as in elementary schools.

Contact: Commissioner of Education
Texas Education Agency
1701 N. Congress Ave.
Austin, TX 78701
512/463-9734

MIGRANT EDUCATION

Program Description: Provides supplementary instructional programs for migrant children. Tutoring, vocational, language skills, bilingual studies, and cultural enrichment classes are some of the special programs offered. In addition to comprehensive educational programs, migrant children are provided food, clothing, medical and dental services according to their needs. Instructional support services are provided to school districts through Chapter 1 Migrant funding.

Contact: Commissioner of Education
Texas Education Agency
1701 N. Congress Ave.
Austin, TX 78701
512/463-9734

PUBLIC SCHOOL OCCUPATIONAL PROGRAMS

Program Description: Prepare students for employment or for study in advanced or highly technical and skilled courses. Career exploration is offered in the areas of agriculture, health, business, homemaking, and industry. Optional for school districts.

Contact: Commissioner of Education
Texas Education Agency
1701 N. Congress Ave.
Austin, TX 78701
512/463-9734

REGIONAL DAY SCHOOL PROGRAM FOR THE DEAF

Program Description: Provides comprehensive educational services to hearing impaired students who cannot otherwise receive appropriate educational services. Services are delivered through local school districts and regional day school programs. Birth–22.

Services Provided:
1) Instruction and related services
2) Parent education
3) Communication skills and sign language classes for parents, teachers, and friends
4) Staff development for teachers and aides

Contact: Gary A. Curtis, Director of Services for the Deaf
Texas Education Agency
1701 N. Congress Ave.
Austin, TX 78701
512/463-9424

SCHOOL BREAKFAST PROGRAM

Program Description: The purpose is to help in meeting children's minimum daily nutritional requirements by providing a balanced nutritious breakfast in participating schools. Funds are provided to assist in the initiation, maintenance, and expansion of non-profit breakfast programs in schools. Such funds may be used to purchase food, labor, and other materials and supplies necessary to provide breakfasts to students.

Services Provided: 1) Children from low-income families are eligible to receive breakfasts free or at a reduced price

Contact: Commissioner of Education
Texas Education Agency
1701 N. Congress Ave.
Austin, TX 78701
512/463-9734

SCHOOL HEALTH SERVICES

Program Description: Provide for health appraisal, and care for children with special/critical health care needs, control of communicable diseases, follow-up, and referral.

Contact: Commissioner of Education
Texas Education Agency
1701 N. Congress Ave.
Austin, TX 78701
512/463-9734

SCHOOL LUNCH PROGRAM

Program Description: Designed as a measure of national security to safeguard the health and well-being of the nation's children by providing, through grants-in-aid and other means, an adequate supply of foods and other facilities for the establishment, maintenance, operation, and expansion of nonprofit school lunch operations.

Services Provided: 1) Assists school districts in operation of food service programs
2) Provides nutritious, balanced lunches free or at a reduced price to children who are unable to pay the full cost of a meal.

Contact: Commissioner of Education
Texas Education Agency
1701 N. Congress Ave.
Austin, TX 78701
512/463-9734

SCHOOL TRANSPORTATION

Program Description: Provides direct transportation services for eligible students through allocations for buses, their maintenance, and operation.

Contact: Commissioner of Education
Texas Education Agency
1701 N. Congress Ave.
Austin, TX 78701
512/463-9734

SPECIAL MILK PROGRAM

Program Description: To safeguard the health and well-being of the nation's children by assisting the states, through grants-in-aid and other means, to meet more effectively the nutritional needs of our children. The program is designed to encourage the consumption of milk by children in the U.S. It is offered to public and non-profit private elementary and secondary schools and other similar institutions devoted to the care and training of children. Funds available under this program are used to assist school districts not participating in the Lunch and Breakfast programs by providing extra milk at a lower price to paying students and free of charge to needy students.

Contact: Commissioner of Education
Texas Education Agency
1701 N. Congress Ave.
Austin, TX 78701
512/463-9734

TEXAS YOUTH SAFETY PROGRAMS

Program Description: Allow youth to become involved in conducting safety projects and activities in their local schools and communities. These projects and activities include bicycle safety, pedestrian safety, automobile safety, home safety, emergency drills, and seat belt safety.

Contact: Gene Wilkins
Division of General Education
Texas Education Agency
1701 N. Congress Ave.
Austin, TX 78701
512/463-9585

TEXTBOOKS

Program Description: Textbooks are adopted by the State Board of Education for use in the public schools without cost to the students or districts. Special textbooks are provided to students enrolled in kindergarten, bilingual, and blind programs.

Contact: Commissioner of Education
Texas Education Agency
1701 N. Congress Ave.
Austin, TX 78701
512/463-9734

HIRE A KID

Program Description: Provides job placement, employment counseling, job development, referral to supportive services, and testing to youth under 22 years of age. Age group: generally 14-21.

Services Provided:
1) Information and referral
2) Counseling and guidance
3) Aptitude testing
4) Job placement
5) Follow-up

Contact: Administrator
Texas Employment Commission
101 E. 15th St.
Austin, TX 78778
512/478-8734

TEXAS REHABILITATION COMMISSION/ VOCATIONAL REHABILITATION

Program Description: Dedicated to helping handicapped Texans, who have a wide range of physical and mental disabilities, secure and maintain jobs.

Services May Include:
1) Medical, psychological, and vocational evaluation
2) Counseling and guidance
3) Interpreter services for the deaf
4) Medical treatment
5) Assistive devices - wheel chairs, artificial limbs
6) Training
7) Halfway house
8) Selective job placement
9) Follow-up

Contact: Public Information Assistant
Texas Rehabilitation Commission
118 E. Riverside Dr.
Austin, TX 78704
512/445-8745

CORSICANA STATE HOME

Program Description: A residential treatment facility for emotionally disturbed youth.

Services Provided:
1) Counseling and guidance
2) Intensive psychiatric care
3) Medical
4) Personal adjustment

Contact: Director of Public Information
Texas Youth Commission
P.O. Box 9999
Austin, TX 78766
512/452-8111

FOSTER CARE

Program Description: Provides constructive care, training, and a home-like atmosphere for dependent and neglected children. Some children in the Commission's custody are placed in foster care on a contractual basis; others are placed in adoptive homes.

Services Provided:
1) Information and referral
2) Diagnostic evaluation
3) Counseling and guidance
4) Medical
5) Financial assistance
6) Personal adjustment
7) Education
8) Technical assistance to providers

Contact: Director of Public Information
Texas Youth Commission
P.O. Box 9999
Austin, TX 78766
512/452-8111

HALFWAY HOUSES

Program Description: Operates halfway houses which provide more intensive treatment and supervision than is available in the contract care facilities. Services are provided for youth who do not need the security or structure of a training school.

Services Provided:
1) Counseling and guidance
2) Medical
3) Personal adjustment
4) Job placement
5) Transportation
6) Education through public schools
7) Emergency

Contact: Director of Public Information
Texas Youth Commission
P.O. Box 9999
Austin, TX 78766
512/452-8111

PAROLE

Program Description: Provides for supervision of youth released from a residential facility. Parole officers work with the youth and his/her family and obtain necessary services, employment, education, and training.

Services Provided:
1) Information and referral
2) Counseling and guidance
3) Medical
4) Personal adjustment
5) Job placement

Contact: Director of Public Information
Texas Youth Commission
P.O. Box 9999
Austin, TX 78766
512/452-8111

RESIDENTIAL CONTRACT CARE

Program Description: Provides for placements in public and private nonprofit facilities. These include halfway houses, group homes, foster group homes, and residential treatment centers. Children who are eligible for placement do not require the security and structure of a training school. In some instances, youth are referred after completion of a training school program.

Services Provided:
1) Information and referral
2) Diagnostic evaluation
3) Medical
4) Financial assistance
5) Counseling and guidance
5) Personal adjustment
7) Education
8) Technical assistance to providers
9) Regulatory (licenses/inspection)
10) Transportation
11) Follow-up

Contact: Director of Public Information
Texas Youth Commission
P.O. Box 9999
Austin, TX 78766
512/452-8111

STATEWIDE RECEPTION CENTER

Program Description: The statewide reception center at Brownwood receives all youth committed by the courts for delinquent behavior. Diagnosis and evaluation are done to determine optimum placement and programming.

Services Provided:
1) Diagnostic evaluation
2) Counseling and guidance
3) Medical
4) Personal adjustment

Contact: Director of Public Information
Texas Youth Commission
P.O. Box 9999
Austin, TX 78766
512/452-8111

TRAINING SCHOOLS

Program Description: Provide residential programs for the care and rehabilitation of the state's juvenile offenders. The Schools provide basic living skills, academic education, vocational guidance, and counseling. The Youth Commission operates five training schools located at Brownwood, Crockett, Gainesville, Giddings, and the West Texas Children's Home.

Contact: Director of Public Information
Texas Youth Commission
P.O. Box 9999
Austin, TX 78766
512/452-8111

OUT-OF-STATE/NATIONAL AGENCIES

These are programs that we consider important and innovative enough to be included in our directory, but that have no central Texas office to provide information. This is by no means a complete list. More information and, in some cases, a local Texas chapter are available from the address and telephone given.

ACTION FOR CHILDREN'S TELEVISION (ACT)

Program Description: A national nonprofit, educational organization of parents and professionals dedicated to quality television for children, without commercialism. ACT educates the public about television's effects on children and attempts to persuade broadcasters and advertisers to provide programming of the highest possible quality for children of different ages.

Services Provided:
1) Public education (speakers, literature)
2) Advocacy

Contact:
Executive Director
Action for Children's Television
20 University Rd.
Cambridge, MA 02138
617/876-6620

ADVOCATES FOR CHILDREN OF NEW YORK, INC.

Program Description: Dedicated to the protection of every young person's right to an education.

Services Provided:
1) Information and referral
2) Court related
3) Education
4) Advocacy

Contact:
Advocates for Children of New York, Inc.
24-16 Bridge Plaza South
Long Island City, NY 11101
718/729-8866

AL-ANON FAMILY GROUPS

Program Description: AL-ANON Family Groups, AL-ANON and ALATEEN, are a fellowship of friends and families of alcoholics who meet together in over 27,000 groups around the world to solve their common problems: fear, insecurity, and the warped relationships associated with the disease of alcoholism.

Contact:
AL-ANON Family Groups
P.O. Box 862
Midtown Station
New York, NY 10018-0862
212/302-7240

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS

Program Description: A fellowship of men and women who share their experience, strength, and hope with each other that they may solve their common problem and help others to recover from alcoholism.

Contact: Alcoholics Anonymous
P.O. Box 459
Grand Central Station
New York, NY 10163
212/686-1100

THE AMERICAN ASSOCIATION FOR GIFTED CHILDREN

Program Description: Nonprofit organization founded for the purpose of recognizing, appreciating, and stimulating the gifted, helping them reach towards their highest potential and enabling them to fulfill themselves and to benefit others. Supports the team approach in assisting the gifted child.

Services Provided:
1) Seminars
2) Research
3) Scholarships
4) Publications
5) Consultation and training
6) National conference

Contact: Membership Services
The American Association for Gifted Children, Inc.
P.O. Box 2745
Dayton, OH 45401
513/873-4300

AMERICAN HOME ECONOMICS ASSOCIATION

Program Description: Purpose is to improve the quality and standards of individual and family life through education, research, cooperative programs, and public information. It serves as a voice for the home economics profession.

Services Provided:
1) Information and referral
2) Publications
3) Annual meeting and exposition

Contact: American Home Economics Assoc.
1555 King St.
Alexandria, VA 22314
703/706-4600

BIG BROTHERS/BIG SISTERS OF AMERICA

Program Description: Provide responsible adult volunteers to single parent children who are in need of a friend. The adult in this one-to-one relationship also gives supervision and guidance.

Services Provided:
1) Information and referral
2) Counseling and guidance
3) Referral for financial assistance
4) Personal adjustment
5) Technical assistance to providers
6) Follow-up

Contact:
National Affiliate Office
Big Brothers/Big Sisters of America
4911 Harmon Ave.
Austin, TX 78751
512/451-6215

National Office
Big Brothers/Big Sisters of America
230 N. 13th St.
Philadelphia, PA 19107
215/567-2748

Big Brothers/Big Sisters of Williamson County, Inc.
P.O. Box 1361
Round Rock, TX 78680-1361
512/255-1262

CHILDREN'S DEFENSE FUND

Program Description: Exists to provide a strong and effective voice for the children of America who cannot vote, lobby, or speak for themselves. Goal is to educate the nation about the needs of and encourage preventive investment in children before they get sick, drop out of school, or get into trouble. Pays particular attention to the needs of poor and minority handicapped children. Believes that preventive investment in children, through carefully planned programs and policies, is a crucial investment in the nation's future well-being.

Services Provided:
1) Research
2) Information
3) Court-related
4) Monitor federal policies
5) Technical assistance and support to state and local groups
6) Community education
7) Child welfare
8) Mental health
9) Child care
10) Youth employment
11) Adolescent pregancy prevention
12) Implementation of federal and state policy

Contact:
President
Children's Defense Fund
122 C Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20001
202/628-8787

DELINQUENCY INTERVENTION PROGRAM

Program Description: Boys Clubs recruit fifty new at-risk youth per club unit. These new members are youth not intrinsically motivated to join Boys Clubs. The program involves a reaching out to community agencies such as the juvenile justice system, schools, and other youth-serving agencies to recruit the new members. In addition, a simple case management system is in place to track the progress of the youth in the clubs.

Contact: Boys Clubs of America
Delinquency Intervention Program
771 First Avenue
New York, NY 10017
212/351-5911

DESIGNS FOR CHANGE

Program Description: An organization that works for basic improvements in the day-to-day school experience of children, both in Chicago public schools and in other Illinois public school systems. Basic principle is that informed, long-term parent and citizen monitoring of the schools and vigorous advocacy on behalf of children can make a crucial contribution to creating public schools we can all feel proud of.

Services Provided:
1) Research
2) Advocacy
3) Training

Contact: Designs for Change
220 S. State St., Suite 1900
Chicago, IL 60604
312/922-0317

FAMILIES ANONYMOUS

Program Description: This program is a self-help self-support group for families, relatives, and friends of the people with drug or behavior problems.

Contact: Families Anonymous
P.O. Box 528
Van Nuys, CA 91408
818/989-7841

FUTURE HOMEMAKERS OF AMERICA

Program Description: The program runs on youth-centered leadership. There are two types of chapters: FHA chapters which emphasize consumer homemaking education, and home economics related jobs and careers; and Hero chapters which emphasize job preparation and careers in home economics related occupations.

Contact: Future Homemakers of America
1910 Association Drive
Reston, VA 22091
703/476-4900

GIFTED CHILD SOCIETY, INC.

Program Description: Purpose is to provide educational enrichment and support services for gifted children, assist parents with the challenge of raising the gifted child, assist educators in meeting the special needs of gifted students, and to seek public recognition and acceptance of the special needs of the gifted.

Services Provided:
1) Saturday Workshops
2) Project TEAM (Toddler Education and Mothers)
3) Testing - Department of Clinical Services
4) Advocacy
5) Summer program
6) Remediation of underachievement

Contact: Director
The Gifted Child Society, Inc.
190 Rock Road
Glen Rock, NJ 07452
201/444-6530

GIRL SCOUTS OF THE U.S.A.

Program Description: An informal educational program based on an ethical code which helps girls develop social values, skills in leadership, and a sense of worth. Five programs carry out these objectives: Brownies, Juniors, Cadettes, Seniors, and Campus Girl Scouts. The programs are extended to include mentally and physically handicapped girls. Programming is innovative in assisting the unfortunate to participate.

Services Provided:
1) Developmental activities
2) Citizenship training
3) Recreational activites
4) Career exploration

Contact: Field Executive
Girl Scouts of the U.S.A.
830 Third Ave.
New York, NY 10022
212/940-7500

INTERNATIONAL SOCIETY FOR TECHNOLOGY IN EDUCATION (ISTE)

Program Description: ICCE has a substantial and growing professional outreach program. Five major components currently include: 1) organization members which publish newletters and/or journals, hold conference, and interact, 2) professional staff, 3) ad hoc committees, 4) technical liaison committees, and 5) special interest groups.

Services Provided:
1) Information and referral
2) Publications
3) Conferences

Contact: International Council for Computers in Education
University of Oregon
1787 Agate St.
Eugene, OR 97403-9905
503/686-4414

LEO CLUBS

Program Description: These clubs are sponsored by the local Lions Clubs, and administered through the Lions Clubs International. Through their dedication to humanitarian service, they offer opportunity for personal growth, friendship, and human understanding.

Contact: Youth Programs Department
Lions Clubs International
300 22nd St.
Oak Brook, IL 60521-8842
708/571-5466

MASSACHUSETTS ADVOCACY CENTER

Program Description: Intervene on behalf of children before state and local bodies which legislate, regulate, and deliver human services to children in Massachusetts. The Center acts to strengthen progressive mandates and to close the gap between legal entitlements and actual service delivery in the fields of education, juvenile justice, and children's health.

Services Provided:
1) Monitoring and report writing
2) Administrative negotiation
3) Case advocacy
4) Advocacy training and network building
5) Litigation

Contact: Massachusetts Advocacy Center
95 Berkeley St.
Boston, MA 02116
617/357-8431

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF STATE ALCOHOL AND DRUG ABUSE DIRECTORS (NASADAD)

Program Description: NASADAD's basic purpose is to foster and support the development of effective alcohol and drug abuse prevention and treatment programs throughout every state.

Contact: NASADAD
444 N. Capitol St., NW, Suite 520
Washington, D.C. 20001
202/783-6868

NATIONAL CLEARINGHOUSE FOR ALCOHOL AND DRUG INFORMATION (NCADI)

Program Description: NCADI collects information world-wide on alcoholism and the use and abuse of alcohol. The program has been expanded to include drug information.

Contact: National Clearinghouse for Alcohol and Drug Information
P.O. Box 2345
Rockville, MD 20852
301/468-2600

NATIONAL CLEARINGHOUSE FOR DRUG ABUSE INFORMATION

Program Description: Disseminate all literature put out by the National Institute on Drug Abuse.

Contact: National Institute for Drug Abuse Information
P.O. Box 416
Kensington, MD 20795
301/443-6500

NATIONAL COUNCIL ON ALCOHOLISM

Program Description: This is a voluntary health organization working nationwide to prevent and reduce alcoholism and alcohol-related problems. Their two primary missions are public education and public advocacy.

Contact: National Council on Alcoholism
12 West 21st Street, 7th Floor
New York, NY 10010
212/206-6770

NATIONAL DIFFUSION NETWORK

Program Description: Nationwide system established to help schools, colleges, and other institutions improve their education programs through the adoption of already developed and evaluated exemplary education programs. It provides funds for increased model program awareness, in-service training, follow-up assistance and curriculum materials.

Services Provided:
1) Increase model program awareness
2) Program development and implementation
3) In-service training by developer demonstrators
4) Technical and follow-up assistance
5) Curriculum materials
6) Evaluation criteria

Contact: National Diffusion Network
Rm. 510
555 New Jersey Ave., NW
Washington, D.C. 20208-5645
202/357-6134

NATIONAL PTA DRUG AND ALCOHOL ABUSE PROJECT

Program Description: The project supplies a project planning kit that can be used by local PTA and other community service agencies. They also have two brochures for parents—one for teens and one for children—on how to talk to their children about drugs.

Contact: National PTA Drug and Alcohol Abuse Project
700 North Rush St.
Chicago, IL 60611-2571
312/787-0977

PARENTS UNION

Program Description: Parents who have united to help parents work for better schools. Philadelphia-wide, multi-racial, independent organization of, by, and for parents.

Services Provided:
1) Distribute wallet-sized Rights Card and fact sheets
2) Provide a parent advocate
3) Distribute a guide for parents to use at report card conferences

Contact: Advocate
Parents Union
401 N. Broad St., Suite 916
Philadelphia, PA 19108
215/574-0337

SOCIAL SECURITY ADMINISTRATION

Program Description: Pays monthly checks to people in financial need who are 65 or older and to people in need at any age who are blind and disabled.

Services Provided: 1) Information and referral
2) Financial assistance

Contact: Information Specialist
Social Security Administration
611 E. 6th St.
Austin, TX 78701
512/482-5771

TOUGHLOVE

Program Description: This is a self-help program for parents troubled by their teenagers' behavior.

Contact: Toughlove
P.O. Box 1069
Doylestown, PA 18901
215/348-7090

WESTERN SYSTEM SERVICE, INC.

Program Description: A nonprofit organization founded to improve the educational opportunities for children in Colorado, and nationwide. Two goals are equity and excellence in public schools for all children. Programs sponsored by WSS which aid in achieving these goals are: the Chicano Education Project, the School Finance Reform Sutdy, and the Jerry and Camilla Sandoval Scholarship Fund.

Services Provided: 1) Information and referral
2) Financial aid (scholarship)
3) Technical assistance
4) Advocacy

Contact: Western System Service, Inc.
1410 Grant St., Suite C-207-1
Denver, CO 80203
303/830-1052

WISCONSIN CLEARINGHOUSE

Program Description: Produces a catalog of publications on alcohol and other drugs, mental health, youth development, related women's issues, and health promotion.

Contact: Wisconsin Clearinghouse
P.O. Box 1468
Madison, WI 53701
608/263-2797

WOMEN FOR SOBRIETY

Program Description: A self-help group that is directed to the specific emotional needs of the woman alcoholic in recovery.

Contact: Women for Sobriety
P.O. Box 618
Quakertown, PA 18951
215/536-8026

YOUNG WOMEN'S CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATION (YWCA)

Program Description: Each of the YWCAs has a variety of services reflecting the needs and interests of women in the local community. Activities may include swimming lessons, individual and team sports, play schools, arts and crafts, health education, career exploration, and skill training for young parents.

Services Provided:
1) Information and referral
2) Counseling and guidance
3) Personal adjustment
4) Training (technical seminar)
5) Recreational activities

Contact: Data Center
National Board-Young Women's Christian Assoc. (YWCA)
726 Broadway
New York, NY 10003
212/614-2700

YOUTH LEADERSHIP PROGRAM

Program Description: Program is designed to develop the latent talents of promising young people, helping them to become participants instead of detached dreamers or delinquents. The program itself is an eight-session course sponsored by a local Toastmasters club. Parliamentary procedure, officer elections, and speech writing and presentation are emphasized.

Contact: Youth Leadership Program
Toastmasters International, Inc.
2200 North Grand Avenue
Santa Ana, CA 92711
714/542-6793

HOTLINES

Hotline numbers listed in this section are for the most part toll-free and can be called twenty-four hours a day. They provide services such as information and referral, counseling, and free literature.

ACTION HOTLINE TEXAS STATE OFFICE 512/482-5671

Provides information on nationwide Action programs, including Foster Grandparents, SCP, VISTA, RSVP, etc.

ADVOCACY, INC. 1-800-252-9108

Advocates the rights of the developmentally disabled; provides information and referral to individuals, technical assistance to attorneys in the area of handicapped law, and in some cases represents individual clients.

AFDC HOTLINE 1-800-252-9330

Provides information on eligibility and application procedures for Aid to Families with Dependent Children.

BLIND AND PHYSICALLY HANDICAPPED HOTLINE 1-800-252-9605

Provides information on library materials for the blind and physically handicapped.

CANCER HOTLINE 1-800-422-6237

Provides cancer information to the general public. Booklets available on cancer in early childhood for parents and for victims of the disease.

CHILD ABUSE HOTLINE 1-800-252-5400

Receives reports on child abuse and refers them to local resource in area where child resides. Provides referral.

CITIZENS' ASSISTANCE - OFFICE OF GOVERNOR 1-800-252-9600

Provides the general public with a single contact point to determine sources of assistance or information available from the Texas State government.

COCAINE HELPLINE 1-800-COCAINE

A round-the-clock information and referral service. Offers guidance and refers drug users and parents to local public and private treatment centers and family learning centers.

EASTER SEAL ACTION HOTLINE 1-800-492-5555

An information and referral service for the handicapped.

HEARING AID HOTLINE 1-800-521-5247

Offers information about hearing care and hearing aids.

NATIONAL CHILD ABUSE HOTLINE 1-800-4-A-CHILD

Answered 24 hours a day, this hotline provides referral and crisis cross-connecting counseling, information, and peer-professional consultation.

NIDA HOTLINE 1-800-662-HELP

NIDA Hotline is a confidential information and referral line that directs callers to cocaine abuse treatment centers in the local community. Free materials on drug abuse are also distributed in response to inquiries.

NUTRITION HOTLINE 1-800-523-6633

Answers questions of a general nature about infants and children, with appropriate tape by recognized authorities or by referral. Subjects include colic, role of the father, thumb sucking, allergies, and others.

PARENTS ANONYMOUS 1-800-421-0353

Offers self-help for potentially abusive and other parents who feel they need guidance and counseling. Answered 24 hours a day.

POISON NUMBER 1-800-392-8548

Provides emergency poison and antidote information to medical personnel and the general public. "Mr. Yuk" stickers and a Poison Primer will be sent to requestors who send stamped self-addressed envelope to: Texas State Poison Center, 8th and McKenna, Galveston, Texas 77550.

PRIDE DRUG INFORMATION LINE 1-800-241-7946

A national resource and information center, National Parents Resource Institute for Drug Education (PRIDE) refers concerned parents to parent groups in their state or local area, gives information on how parents can form a group in their community, provides telephone consulting and referrals to emergency health centers, and maintains a series of drug information tapes that callers can listen to, free of charge, by calling after 5:00 p.m.

PRODUCT SAFETY HOTLINE 1-800-638-2772

Provides information and receives complaints about toys, cribs, and other products used by or with children. Distributes printed information upon request.

RUNAWAY HOTLINE: National Switchboard 1-800-621-4000

Provides locations of runaway shelters, confidential message relay service, and limited counseling services. Answered 24 hours a day.

RUNAWAY HOTLINE: Operation Peace of Mind 1-800-392-3352

Relays messages from runaway children to their parents without revealing children's location; provides counseling and referrals for runaways and other troubled youth. Answered 24 hours a day.

SPECIAL EDUCATION HOTLINE 1-800-252-9668

Provides "Child Find" help in locating children from birth to age 22 with physical, mental, emotional, or learning problems so that they can obtain public education; provides information on services available to the handicapped.

TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY AFFAIRS 1-800-252-3642

Provides city and county housing assistance, rental assistance, and home energy funds.

TEXAS CRIME VICTIM CLEARINGHOUSE HOTLINE 1-800-252-3423

The hotline serves as a central source of information for crime victims and agencies that assist them.